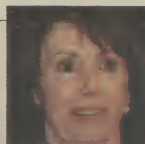


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Price of AIDS drug Norvir soars

by Zak Szymanski

The price of the widely-used HIV/AIDS drug Norvir has increased by 500 percent.

The increase, although not widely publicized, was confirmed by Abbott Laboratories in an interview with the Bay Area Reporter Monday, December 8. Abbott spokeswoman Lauren Cassidy said that the re-



Norvir pill

pricing went into effect on December 4, just days after World AIDS Day.

Norvir, a protease inhibitor, was one of the first AIDS drugs to show a survival benefit in the late 1990s, when it was introduced with a full dose recommendation of 1,200 milligrams per day, at a cost of \$20.52 per day.

Throughout the years, however, it became apparent that Norvir was most effective as a booster for other drugs, by allowing viral suppressors to stay in the body for a longer period of time. Many doctors prescribe Norvir specifically for this purpose, and choose drugs that have been proven to be effective with Norvir.

"Norvir enables several other drugs and makes them viable," said Abbott's Cassidy. "We wouldn't have AIDS drugs options without Norvir."

Cassidy was quick to emphasize the "context and history" of Norvir as a reason for the price increase, citing the fact that 80 percent of people on Norvir now use the drug as a "booster" for other drugs at a much smaller dose of 100-200 milligrams per day. The new price makes the cost of Norvir \$8.50 per day for 100 milligrams.

The price increase will help to pay for technology that has developed a Norvir tablet that does not require refrigeration, said Cassidy. Additionally, she noted, state programs like the AIDS Drug Assistance Program will not be affected by the increase, and Abbott has revamped its own drug assistance program so that anyone without insurance or ADAP can receive Norvir for free, regardless of income. Many Medicaid programs also have built-in protections against drug increases.

"Compare the cost of \$8.50 per day to the cost of most other protease inhibitors, which run \$20-\$30 a day," said Cassidy. "Even at the new price it is significantly less than other drugs."

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Newsom wins

Harris makes history in upset win for D.A.

by Cynthia Laird

Supervisor Gavin Newsom won a closely contested race for San Francisco mayor Tuesday, December 9, beating Board of Supervisors President Matt Gonzalez by 5 percentage points, according to unofficial returns.

Newsom, 36 and a Democrat, defeated Gonzalez, 38 and a Green Party member, 53 percent to 47 percent, preliminary results showed. Gonzalez, who entered the mayor's race at the last minute in August, nonetheless ran a strong campaign and by the time runoff voting began Tuesday morning, many polls showed the race in a dead heat.

In the bitterly fought race for district attorney, newcomer Kamala Harris, 39, won a resounding victory, ousting two-term incumbent Terence Hallinan, 67, by a margin of 56 percent to 44



Mayor-elect Gavin Newsom speaks to supporters Tuesday at the Fillmore.

percent, the unofficial results showed. Harris becomes the first African American district attorney in state history and the first woman

to lead the San Francisco District Attorney's office.

Both Newsom and Harris will take office January 8.

Newsom greeted more than 1,000 supporters at an election night victory party at the Fillmore Auditorium, where he thanked those who worked on the campaign and pledged to work with all San Franciscans when he assumes office.

"Let me make clear I am committed to working with every citizen of this city," he said. "This wasn't about Matt and it wasn't about me. It was about this city."

"It's time to unite San Francisco. It's time to reach out to those who are with us, and those who are against us," he said.

Newsom had broad support, including outgoing Mayor Willie Brown and members of the LGBT community, District 8 Supervisor Bevan Dufty, who endorsed Newsom just after the November election, was one of many people on stage

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Conservatives drop AB205 referendum effort

Turn attention to lawsuits instead

by Matthew S. Bajko

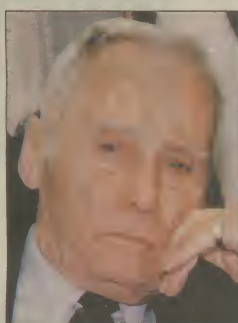
After failing to place a referendum to repeal a sweeping domestic partners bill on the March 2004 ballot, Republican lawmakers announced they are dropping their efforts entirely.

Instead, state Senator Pete Knight (R-Palmdale) and Assemblyman Ray Haynes (R-Riverside) said they are focusing their attention on a lawsuit they filed to overturn the measure, AB205. Signed into law by former Governor Gray Davis just weeks before being recalled from office, AB205 is scheduled to go into effect in January 2005.

The bill would elevate California's domestic partnerships to the same level as Vermont's civil unions and afford same-sex couples nearly all the rights and responsibilities the state confers on married couples.

The two lawmakers, as well as the conservative group Campaign for California Families, have filed lawsuits seeking preliminary injunctions to block the implementation of AB205. The lawsuits argue that AB205 violates Proposition 22, which voters passed in 2000 and defines marriage as solely between a man and a woman.

Proponents of AB205 have long argued the measure does not equal marriage for gay couples, and therefore, does not fall under



State Senator Pete Knight had led the AB205 referendum effort.

Proposition 22. The two sides are expected to face off in a Sacramento courtroom on December 17.

The two Republican lawmakers reportedly are confident they will prevail in court and see no need to ask voters to repeal AB205 at the ballot box. They failed to deliver the needed signatures by December 5 to place the referendum on the March 2004 ballot

and apparently will not submit it for the November 2004 ballot. To do so, the necessary signatures would need to be turned into the Secretary of State's office by December 21.

A statement posted to CCF's Web site said, "Although the start-stop of the referendum effort is disappointing, Knight's office says they believe their lawsuit against AB205 will be successful and that's where they are putting their hopes."

Knight and Randy Thomasson, executive director of CCF, did not return calls seeking comment.

Gay politicians and LGBT activists said the failure to place the referendum on the

ballot is a sign that Californians support extending rights to same-sex couples. But they cautioned a ballot measure to overturn the law could still end up before voters.

"By all appearances their effort didn't really generate money or volunteers, and therefore, we believe that they are not continuing trying to qualify this," said Equality California Executive Director Geoff Kors, who added that he had heard reports that the sig-

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Researchers warn herpes carriers at higher risk for HIV

by Matthew S. Bajko

A growing chorus of researchers and health officials has been sounding an alarm of late about the apparent link between herpes and HIV transmission.

With the syphilis outbreak among men who have sex with men receiving far greater attention the last several years, health officials are now increasingly focused on how herpes may also be leading to increased HIV infection rates across the country.

"The reason why syphilis is getting so much attention is it has been documented that rates are higher among MSMs. People have been looking at syphilis cases but not at herpes cases," said Dr. Jason Schneider, co-chair of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association's policy committee.

With one out of four gay men estimated to be infected with her-



Dr. Jonathan Fuchs.

pes simplex virus, type 2 (HSV-2), or genital herpes, the problem is receiving renewed attention. Over the last two years several studies have shown that men infected with genital herpes have a greater chance of acquiring HIV.

A 2002 study in the *Journal of Infectious Diseases*, which reviewed 31 observational studies, showed that the risk of acquiring HIV was doubled in people previously infected with HSV-2. Another study published by the journal earlier this year also found that the risk of acquiring HIV is doubled in men who have sex with men and have the herpes virus.

After being contacted for this story, Schneider said that GLMA is adding a question about herpes to a new survey it is launching this month. The survey of people who use GLMA's provider referral service online will now include a question about genital herpes.

In San Francisco, the AIDS Health Project found that among 987 repeat anonymous HIV

testers, there was a 24 percent prevalence rate for genital herpes among MSMs.

Even more alarming to health officials is that if there is a doubling of risk due to genital herpes, and the prevalence rate is nearly 25 percent in MSMs, then it is estimated the proportion of HIV infections attributable to genital herpes is 19 percent.

"That is striking," said Dr. Jonathan Fuchs, director of vaccine studies at the city's Department of Public Health.

It is even more a cause for concern because many men do not realize they carry the genital herpes virus. As many as 60 percent of adults do not know they are infected with herpes.

"In my mind they may not go and seek out medical attention so then I think they are at increase risk of getting infected with HIV if they have active ulcerations of the genitals," said Schneider.

Genital herpes causes sores and blisters in the genital area. It is spread through contact and can infect the mouth. The virus remains with a person for life, and after sores go away, it hides in the nerves of the spine.


Outbreaks occur on and off, usually three to four times per year. The most common symptoms include sores on or near the genitals, discharge and burning with urination. There is no cure for genital herpes but there are several drugs which help control outbreaks.

A new study called ACE is testing if doctors can use the drug Acyclovir, by GlaxoSmithKline, to prevent people with genital herpes from becoming HIV-positive.

Fuchs, a co-principal investigator

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Syphilis cases stable, but remain a concern

by Matthew S. Bajko

While city health officials have seen a decline in syphilis cases during the third quarter of 2003, the total number of cases continues to outpace those recorded in 2002.

An article in the November 27 edition of the *Bay Area Reporter* inaccurately stated that the city had recorded fewer cases of syphilis during the first nine months of this year compared to the same time period in 2002. The numbers used in the story, "Syphilis on the decline," were based on city statistics sent via e-mail by the Syphilis Action Coalition.

The statistics in the e-mail, from the health department's November 7 epidemiology report, failed to note that the 2002 numbers were for the entire year, while the 2003 numbers only covered

the first nine months. So while the city recorded 316 cases of early syphilis during 2002, by November of this year it had already seen 285 cases of early syphilis.

Based on new information provided to the B.A.R. by Charlotte Kent, the health department's chief of the epidemiology unit for STD Prevention and Control, as of December 8, 2003 the city has seen 305 cases of early syphilis this year. For the entire year of 2002, there were 316 cases of early syphilis. As of Monday, the city reported 484 cases of all types of syphilis so far this year. In all of 2002, the city recorded 493 cases.

Due to the recent monthly declines in syphilis cases, health officials are now downsizing earlier estimates that the total syphilis cases for 2003 will be 760 cases. Instead, they now predict the city will record less than 550 cases for all of 2003, a slight increase over

2002's total.

According to the individual monthly totals for 2003, while syphilis cases peaked in January and April, with more than 60 cases each month, the number of cases have been down between May (less than 55) and October (roughly 35).

Because the city also saw cases decline between August and December of 2002, but then spike upwards at the beginning of this year, health officials remain cautiously optimistic that the syphilis epidemic among the city's gay and bisexual men is on the decline. They hope that in the first quarter of 2004 syphilis cases will not spike again.

"It is probably safe to say that we've hit a plateau for now, although the number of cases is still quite high if you compare it to earlier years," Kent told the B.A.R. this week. ▼

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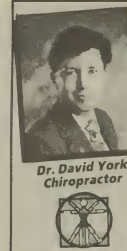
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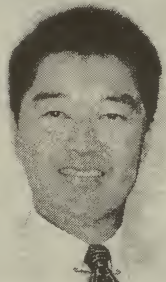
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Ginkgoes to line
Castro corridor

by Matthew S. Bajko

After two years of debate, delays and disagreements, the Castro business corridor will finally receive a foliage facelift next year. Up to 27 ginkgo biloba trees will be planted along Castro Street between Market and 19th streets.

The plantings, and upkeep of the trees, will be overseen by the city's Department of Public Works Bureau of Urban Forestry. If all goes as planned, the new trees will be in place by late January.

Initially to be spearheaded by the Friends of the Urban Forest, the project stumbled over selection of which trees to plant and merchant concerns that they would be held liable for any problems caused by the trees. After the citizen group's plan failed to gain wide support this fall, the city stepped in and announced it would assume liability for the trees. Though disagreement over which trees to plant persisted to delay the project, postponing a planned November planting date.

The proposal took a giant leap forward this month when the Merchants of Upper Market and Castro voted to support the planting of the ginkgoes. At its December 4 meeting, the business association's general membership vetoed its board of directors' recommendation to plant queen palms

along the street, and instead opted for the ginkgoes.

Ixia owner Gary Weiss, who has spent nearly two years pushing for the tree planting project, argued against the queen palms, saying their tropical feel was unsuitable for the area.

"I don't feel that is an appropriate tree for the neighborhood," said Weiss. "I just hope the palm tree is not the tree we pick."

David Gray, owner of Hortica, also opposed choosing queen palms. While stating he has nothing against the palm trees, Gray nonetheless argued that "they are not the best choice of street tree. The ginkgoes on the other hand, are a great tree."

Paul Moffett, owner of P.O. Plus, and a MUMC board member, said the board had gone with the palms because they would not produce much street litter and that they would tie-in to the larger palm trees which line the middle of Market Street.

"There is no way everybody is going to be happy," Moffett said during the meeting. "This seems to be the best route for all of us."

After a somewhat heated discussion, where other MUMC members present derided the queen palm trees, calling them ugly at best, the merchants voted overwhelmingly for the ginkgoes, with 10 members supporting the trees, five voting for the queen palms, and two opting for a third



Ginkgo trees will soon be planted in the Castro.

choice, the marina arbutus.

Both District 8 Supervisor Bevan Dufty, who has touted the tree planting as part of his Castro Renaissance plan, and Gustavo Serina, a Castro resident and president of the Eureka Valley Promotion Association, said they were pleased with the decision.

While shaving at the gym prior to attending the MUMC meeting, Dufty said, "A guy came up to me and said how he loved the ginkgo." As for the palms, he said, "I certainly don't want any fucking ugly trees," jokingly repeating a comment made earlier in the meeting.

In a phone interview this week, Serina said, "I think whatever the merchants decide is fine and will result in more trees and a uniform look on the street. I think both are an improvement."

The ginkgoes are deciduous temperate trees whose leaves turn bright yellow in the fall for about two weeks. The trees go through a rather lengthy growing stage where their foliage remains thin.

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Judge tosses felony HIV transmission case against Ron Hill

by Zak Szymanski

A "marginal amount" of evidence showing specific intent; exculpatory evidence not presented to the grand jury; and the prosecution's emphasis on the defendant's absence from his grand jury proceedings were all factors that tipped the scale in favor of former San Francisco Health Commissioner Ronald Gene Hill. On Tuesday, December 9, Superior Court Judge Kay Tsenin tossed out the felony criminal charges Hill faced for allegedly intentionally transmitting HIV to his former lovers.

"We have to look at everything," said Tsenin, noting that the burden to prove intentional transmission had not been met. On that basis alone, she said, a dismissal would have been justified, but other factors — including closing comments from Assistant District Attorney Greg Barge during the grand jury hearing that "went beyond" what he needed to say about Hill's absence, possibly implying guilt — acted as a "featherweight" to give more scrutiny to the charges.

The case was the first of its kind in the state to be filed and

prosecuted on the basis of a 1998 law that makes it a crime to knowingly and deliberately infect partners.

Barge argued that Hill's specific intent was evident in his alleged "prowling" for sex over the Internet, and that Hill repeatedly used his position as a health commissioner to justify his behavior and allay the fears of his partners about having unprotected sex.

"At some point Mr. Hill loses the ability to say, 'That was an accident,'" said Barge, noting that Hill "engaged in unprotected sex repeatedly" with alleged victim Thomas Lister, who along with another man identified in court documents as Christopher M.,

testified at the grand jury hearing.

"It's impossible for someone in Hill's position," said Barge, "to claim ignorance of the risk."

Hill was openly HIV-positive when he was appointed to the Health Commission in 1997 by Mayor Willie Brown. He resigned in 2000 after he was arrested for allegedly writing a string of bad checks throughout Northern California.

According to the alleged victims, Hill repeatedly denied having HIV, all the while engaging in unsafe sex with the men, both of whom have since tested HIV-positive.

Lister won a \$5 million default judgment against Hill in civil

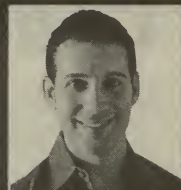
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OPEN FORUM

Change is on the way

Tuesday's runoff election for mayor and district attorney promise two new leaders when Supervisor Gavin Newsom is sworn in as mayor and Kamala Harris assumes the office of district attorney next month. Both candidates ran in tough contests and both promise change for San Francisco.

What struck us about the mayor's race was how gracious Board of Supervisors President Matt Gonzalez was in conceding defeat. He sincerely congratulated Newsom. When people started to boo, he quickly cut them off. "No, no, no, no, cut it out," he said. "We live in a democracy. Let's be good sports about this."

For his part, Newsom acknowledged what he termed the "extraordinary effort" of Gonzalez. "He deserves a round of applause," Newsom said from the stage at the Fillmore Auditorium. Newsom also pledged to work with everyone, including those who supported Gonzalez.

We believe he will keep his word. In fact, one could argue that Gonzalez's entry into the race made Newsom a stronger candidate, and we think he knows that he needs to reach out — both to the members of the Board of Supervisors and to San Franciscans in general. Newsom's victory was not the lopsided one Mayor Willie Brown enjoyed four years ago when he beat Tom Ammiano. Newsom's margin of victory was only 5 percentage points.

We look to Newsom to hit the ground running, and to make changes in City Hall. He may have been supported by Brown, but Newsom is his own person and we believe city residents will see that once his administration begins.

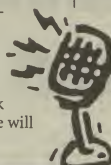
We hope he keeps a couple of his promises. The first change we hope to see is a new police chief. Secondly, we hope Newsom honors his pledge to revamp the mayor's AIDS/HIV advisory office, which has basically been dormant. The federal

government continues to bear down on AIDS funding and prevention efforts, and we need a strong advocate in the position who can fight for San Francisco's share of federal dollars.

In the district attorney's race, Harris pounded away on one issue — that change is needed at the top. Well, we got it, and look forward to the professionalism she will bring to the office.

In the spirit of that professionalism she touted so regularly during the oftentimes contentious race, we hope Harris looks at retaining some of the competent assistant district attorneys now in the office, especially Jim Hammer, the

openly gay ADA who rose to local prominence during his excellent job prosecuting Robert Noel and Marjorie Knoller for the senseless death of lesbian lacrosse coach Diane Whipple. We expect that to be a tough decision for Harris, as Hammer appeared often with Hallinan at campaign events. Nonetheless, we hope we don't see a purge of employees at the start of Harris's term, as has happened in the past both at the D.A.'s office and at the public defender's office before Jeff Adachi won election to that post. In our view, Hammer is an able prosecutor who serves the city well. He and other qualified ADAs should be retained. ▼



Editorial



Clouds on horizon for med. pot

by Bruce Mirken

On November 24, U.S. District Court Judge Howard Matz became the second federal judge in less than a year to effectively repudiate the cruel federal policy of jailing people with AIDS or other serious illnesses who use medical marijuana, along with those who help them to obtain their medicine. Unfortunately, legislation being introduced in Congress could make such acts of judicial mercy nearly impossible, while many of the Democrats seeking to replace President Bush offer little prospect for changing our backward laws.

With federal juries barred from even hearing evidence that marijuana is for medical use, three officers of the now-closed Los Angeles Cannabis Resource Center (which operated with the support of the city of West Hollywood and local law enforcement) saw no choice but to plead guilty to charges of maintaining a place where marijuana was manufactured or distributed. In sentencing them to only probation — rather than the 30 months in federal prison they could have received — Matz called the prosecution "badly misguided."

With John Ashcroft's Justice Department openly hostile to such judicial discretion, Judge Matz's bravery is inspiring. But what is really needed is a change in the federal law that unscientifically declares marijuana to have no therapeutic value. Unfortunately, the only change presently being contemplated is the "Drug Sentencing Reform Act," cooked up by Representative Mark Souder (R-Indiana). Souder, an ally of President Bush and dedicated foe of LGBT civil rights, wants to make such acts of mercy and compassion nearly impossible. Amazingly, he wants producers of high-quality, high-potency medical marijuana (which allows patients to smoke less and thus reduce their risk of bronchitis or other lung problems) to face even harsher penalties than they face now.

Would things improve dramatically if one of the Democratic presidential contenders manages to defeat Bush? Not neces-

sarily.

The Marijuana Policy Project, through our New Hampshire affiliate, Granite Staters for Medical Marijuana, has been following the candidates along the campaign trail and trying to pin down their positions. With 80 percent of Americans supporting legal access to medical marijuana according to recent polls, this should be a no-brainer, but many of the candidates' responses have ranged from wishy-washy to downright hostile. GSMM's full report card on the candidates is available at www.granitestaters.com.

At the bottom of the barrel are Senators Joseph Lieberman (D-Connecticut) and John Edwards (D-North Carolina). Edwards actually told a New Hampshire audience in August that it would be "irresponsible" for the Justice Department to stop arresting the sick. Lieberman, who has supported anti-medical marijuana legislation in the past, recently responded to a question from GSMM campaign coordinator Aaron Houston with the bizarre suggestion that he was unsure that the Justice Department is really raiding California patients.

The candidate with the best position is U.S. Representative Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio), who has endorsed legal access to medical marijuana "without reservation" and who supported legislation to cut off funding for the Bush administration's medical marijuana raids. Kucinich gets the only A+ on GSMM's report card. Former Ambassador Carol Moseley Braun is also supportive, though without the legislative record to back up her statements.

With the exception of the Reverend Al Sharpton, who has yet to address medical marijuana at all, the rest of the field is somewhere in the mushy middle. The best of this muddled group are Senator John Kerry (D-Massachusetts) and retired General Wesley Clark, both of whom have suggested that they would stop the raids and at least con-

sider more fundamental changes in federal law. But both have stopped short of an unequivocal commitment to sign federal legislation that would protect people battling AIDS and cancer from arrest.

Even less forthcoming is U.S. Representative Richard Gephardt (D-Missouri). His statements have been so inconsistent that GSMM now grades him with a "?"

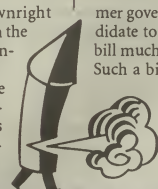
And then there's Howard Dean, the former governor of Vermont and the only candidate to directly face a medical marijuana bill much like California's Proposition 215. Such a bill was passed by the Republican-controlled Vermont House of Representatives in early 2002, but Dean, brushing aside pleas from the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and then-Supervisor (now Assemblyman) Mark Leno (D-San Francisco),

twisted arms in the Vermont Senate to kill the bill before it reached his desk. Since then, Dean has at least said he would support a temporary moratorium on the raids. But in a November 21 appearance on New Hampshire Public Radio, he seemed to back away from even that limited commitment.

Our brothers and sisters with AIDS deserve better than this from those who seek our votes, but nothing good will happen unless we make our voices heard. In addition to the voter guide, www.granitestaters.com has complete information about how to contact the various campaigns as well as suggestions for writing letters to the editor.

The time to act is now. Speak up. Speak out. Let them know that our government's war on the sick must end, now and forever. ▼

Bruce Mirken, for many years a journalist covering HIV/AIDS and LGBT issues, now serves as director of communications for the Marijuana Policy Project, www.marijuanapolity.org.



Guest Opinion

LETTERS

FGG responds

We are writing regarding Robin Tyler's letter printed in the November 20 edition. Ms. Tyler appears to have accepted without challenge Montreal 2006's public statements about events leading up to the unsuccessful outcome of contract negotiations between the Federation of Gay Games and Montreal 2006 over the right to host Gay Games VII.

The federation has indeed ensured that production and participant information is collected from past Gay Games host cities. The federation's contract requires the host group to provide copies of all organizing documents to the federation after its Gay Games' conclusion, including participant data, within the limits of local privacy laws. Ms. Tyler (and any of your readers) can freely inspect much of this information at the Gay Games archives held at the San Francisco Main Library.

Further, Montreal was the beneficiary of a bid process that the federation designed to be held the year before a Gay Games. This was so the prospective host could attend a Gay Games and learn first hand. Montreal 2006 repeatedly said they sent 13 people to Sydney to do just that.

The Montreal 2006 host organization also attended three federation annual meetings and participated in federation committees, hearing about and discussing the past, present, and future with federation board members who themselves have run events at past Gay Games. Montreal 2006 received a copy of the Federation Sports Committee's "Red Book," a document hundreds of pages long collecting the rules and regulations of all sports commonly held at a Gay Games. Amsterdam and Sydney organizers described the Red Book as an invaluable asset to their events.

Most important, the federation gathered key information from the Sydney Gay Games in March 2003 and forwarded it to Montreal 2006. Yet, a few months ago when Montreal 2006 became frustrated that the federation would not give them completely unbridled use of the words "Gay Games," one of their more remarkable public assertions was that the federation provided them with no useful information.

The federation rejects charges that we are not responsible for either raising money for the event or for a Gay Games' losses. As one example, the federation promotes participation of our constituents to the Gay Games event in the designated host city, both directly and indirectly, through our director organizations. Some of our organizations do not hold their annual championships or tournaments during the Gay Games year in order to maximize attendance at the Gay Games. By these actions, the federation assists the host in reaching the highest possible registration figures and, consequently, in reaching the best possible income estimations with respect to participants' fees.

As well, the outcome of Sydney's financial shortfalls shows that the federation in fact does bear some financial responsibility for the deficit and the debts contracted by host organizations. By agreeing to a deed of company arrangement, the federation gave away any right to a significant part of the Gay Games VI license fee that was still due, in this way to allow some smaller creditors to be paid in full.

By coincidence, Ms. Tyler's letter was printed the same week the federation published on its Web site (www.gaygames.com) the results of the "Sydney 2002 Sports Satisfaction Survey." This survey was conducted by the Federation of Gay Games, not Sydney 2002, as a means of learning more detailed demographic information than has been required by our contracts with past hosts.

The federation will continue such projects. Of course we will be able to do even more when the Gay Games hosts stop losing money—a trend that began at the Gay Games where Ms. Tyler served as emcee, in Vancouver in 1990—and host organizations more wisely budget and secure the proceeds from the minimum \$50 million (U.S.) in local economic benefits. That huge economic boost alone justifies a license fee as each city's investment in the overall Gay Games movement.

Meanwhile, we urge Ms. Tyler and your readers to visit the federation's Web site address above for more information. We are now implementing a contingency plan to select a new host for Gay Games VII and we will post news about that in the next several months, with a final decision slated for late winter 2004.

Kathleen Webster
Roberto Mantaci
Co-Presidents, Federation of Gay Games

Hats off for Massachusetts ruling

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court has moved forward justice for all. The right to enjoy the blessings of family was a precedent-setting decision that will be felt across the nation. There will be challenges, with due process, and never forget that in our fabulous community, we are not here to get by, get over, or get through life—but to live it.

Marvin-Michel LeGrier II, Esq.
San Francisco

Something missing at Thanksgiving

Like last Thanksgiving, this year's was missing something for me. That something would be the San Francisco AIDS Foundation's Thanksgiving dinner that was held annually for years at the St. Francis Hotel, until 2002 when lack of funding ended it.

That dinner was fabulous. I volunteered at that dinner for five years and each year was always better than the last. There was a wonderful buzz in that dining room with the musical entertainment on the stage, the happy-to-be-there volunteers, and the guests who were always dressed up. Of course, the Sisters or Perpetual Indulgence were always there, lending a hand.

I did Meals on Wheels last year on Thanksgiving and it just wasn't the same. The SFAF dinner is missed by many and I know I'm not the only one.

Ryan Meek
San Francisco

First event a success

I would like to express my deepest thanks to the community for making my event "Beyond Leatherdome" a success. There was such generosity from Mr. S Leather, Rockhard, Injeanious, Gold's Gym, Factory Videos, Gotham Piercing and Tattoo, Arnel Valle, and Club Rendez-Vous and their incredible staff.

The advertising considerations from Eureka Valley Barber Shop, Rockhard, Cliff's Variety, Injeanious, Streetlight Records, and Image Leather were priceless. The performers, Bambi Lake, John Paris, Empress Snatch, Sister Kitty, Tilly, and Gary Virginia gave their wackiest. It was the most fun I can remember having this side of Lincoln Center.

As my first official event since being chosen San Francisco Leather Sir 2003, I am honored to have sponsored the evening to benefit Positive Force and AIDS Health Project. Since we had no administrative expenses, every cent has been divided between them.

To those who were in attendance: cheers to you, all good sports! After all, this was a party for you by one of your own. To those who missed the boat, I hope to see you at my next event in January.

Tom Braddock
San Francisco Leather Sir 2003

Thanks from New York

I recently heard the question asked, "What's good about the leather community?" I had many thoughts on the question, but without having to think about it too long, the answer was shown to me recently in a greater magnitude than I could have ever imagined. Here's my story:

On Saturday, November 8, a dear friend and brother of ours, Joe from the NYC Eagle, had a fire in his building. His lover Steve, alone at the time, was caught on the fire escape fearful for his own life and was rescued by firefighters. They suffered substantial damage to their property and their leather, collected and cared for over many years, was virtually destroyed. Their walls, once white, were now brown, covered in soot. Their furniture damaged beyond repair and windows broken out. Not having renter's insurance (a lesson we should all learn) they were left to repair, clean, and replace everything that had been damaged or dirtied.

On Tuesday, November 11, and several members of the New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut leather community exchanged approximately 60 e-mails in one day to plan an event that would help raise money for our brothers. The response was overwhelming and I now have my own positive definition for the term "shock and awe."

On Saturday, November 15, one week after the fire, we held a fundraiser. People came from all over, people sent checks from all over, donated auction items, gave money at the door, brought food, decorated, drank, and showed their love, their compassion, the true spirit of brotherhood, and more than that, they showed me and each other what it means to be a family, to be a community, to be proactive, to be loving, to be there!

On Sunday, November 16, I had the privilege of handing Joe and Steve over \$3,300 to help them get back on their feet. In that \$3,300 was love and compassion, and that is what is good about the leather community!

Brian Kent, Mr. Eagle NYC 2004
New York, New York

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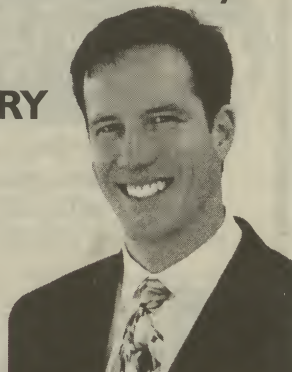
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Trans-giving

by Gwendolyn Ann Smith

As the holiday season. Time to take in the lights and decorations that one only sees this time of year. For many, this is a season of joy and sharing, a time to join up with family and friends, exchange greetings and gifts, and celebrate the close of another year.

Yet, like many others, this can be a difficult season for a transgender person. Many of us face rejection from friends and families that are only heightened during the holidays. Rather than being able to partake in holidays that seem to encourage togetherness, we end up being more alone than ever before.

I do have personal experience with this: prior to my transition, my partner and I would have to split our time between both families. Yet after I transitioned in 1993, we found ourselves with plenty of time during the holiday season. My family had decided that they would be more comfortable without me around, and my in-laws – while still being more than welcoming to my partner – did not want me around.

That went to even further heights of ridiculousness the next year, when it was mentioned that there would be someone for my partner to meet at the annual holiday gathering. Let's just say that their offer was not appreciated.

With the two of us, well, we're lucky. At least we have each other, and our family relationships have gotten a great deal better over the last decade. Why someday, we may even be invited over to my folks' house for the holidays.

Not everyone is so lucky. I know more than my share of transgender people that may well spend this holiday season, for the first time, unwelcomed at their families' homes, and shunned by former friends.

I am assuming that many who are reading this very column may have transgender friends. Many more may be transgender themselves. To that end, I'd like to offer a few suggestions for helping us all make the season a little brighter for those of us who may not enjoy

the best of times near the end of December.

A gift is an obvious suggestion, of course. I'm a big fan of such, especially gifts of knowledge. To that end, may I suggest making your way to your local book store, and wrapping up a few texts.

Of course, I do recommend some of the modern classics of trans books – *Gender Outlaw* by Kate Bornstein is always a valuable read, and a copy of *Body Alchemy* by Loren Cameron or *Dress Codes* by Noelle Howey can always be

worthwhile.

If you want some of the more recent releases, then I'd strongly suggest *The Gender Frontier* by Mariette

gifts have been in the form of such adornments, and many hold a lot of personal meaning to me.

It sounds clichéd to even think of it today, but I still recall how much I teared up when my partner gave me a brooch for a holiday gift only a month after I came out to him. I can only begin to ponder the symbolism behind such a gift.

There may well be better gifts than these, which in the end are simply material objects. They may be just as good as a gift certificate or a card, when it all comes down to it.

Besides, I think there's an even bigger gift to consider: give friendship.

Think of what I said at the beginning of this missive: many transfolks may have come from homes with strong, long-standing holiday traditions, and these folks may now be left out in the cold. For many, being cut off from these traditions may just lead to isolation and sorrow.

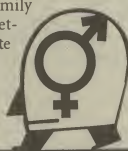
We all can help. Reach out to your transgender friends and family, and welcome them to spend time with you this holiday season. If you can, even consider inviting folks to events with your friends and family.

If that isn't possible for whatever reason, at least take the time to give a call, or otherwise let them know that they need not be completely alone during the holidays. Just letting someone know that you are there for them right now can make a huge difference for a transgender person facing a difficult season.

Of course, I know that many reading this column, too, may be dealing with this very issue. Please, know from someone who has been there, you are not alone. There are a lot of local organizations hosting holiday gatherings this season, and I would highly recommend partaking of them rather than staying home. You'll feel better for doing so.

For myself, I will be calling on both my blood and my chosen family, doing all I can to make the holidays a time of joy for me and mine. I wish the same to you all. ▼

Gwen Smith wishes all a happy whatever it is you're having this holiday season. You can find her on the Web at www.gwensmith.com.



Transmissions



Pathy Allen. It's a big, beautiful book of photos focusing on where the transgender community has been – and where it may well be going. Well worth considering, as are Jennifer Boylen's *She's Not There* or Joanne Meyerowitz's *How Sex Changed*.

Oddly enough, clothing – one of the bane of holiday gift-giving – may also be one of the better solutions. Not every transgender person is able to afford much in the way of attire, and a little help in this department is likely to be appreciated. Besides, it will probably do a good job of offsetting some of the clothing that well-intentioned family members might send your favorite transgender person this holiday season – as if some of us transitioned simply because we weren't able to find the right tie, or the perfect skirt.

The same could well apply for some in the case of jewelry. Some of my more cherished holiday

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Community nonprofit representatives are all smiles as they receive checks from the proceeds of this year's Castro Street Fair at the December 4 Merchants of Upper Market and Castro meeting. Fair board President Steve Gaynes told the *Bay Area Reporter* that a total of \$64,123.90 was distributed to many groups, including the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, the AIDS Emergency Fund, the Stop AIDS Project, the San Francisco LGBT Community Center, MCC-San Francisco, and the Black Coalition on AIDS, to name just a few.

POLITICS

National GOP takes aim at Barbara Boxer

by Wayne Friday

The Republican National Senatorial Campaign Committee has once again targeted the seat held by California Senator **Barbara Boxer** (D) as one of those it hopes to pick up in order to maintain control of the upper house of Congress. The GOP's chances to take Boxer's seat, however, seemed to drop somewhat as last Friday's filing deadline passed with former California Secretary of State **Bill Jones** being seen as the Republican's best hope of unseating the two-term Boxer.

Jones, who finished third in the race for the GOP gubernatorial nomination in 2002, was elected secretary of state in 1994 and re-elected in 1998, becoming the lone Republican to hold a statewide constitutional office. He was forced out of office by term limits last year and his entrance into the Republican race for the March 2 primary sets up a three way contest between Jones, former U.S. Treasurer **Rosario Marin**, and former Los Altos Hills Mayor **Toni Casey**. Most Republicans feel that Jones, with his relatively high statewide name recognition, will likely win the GOP nomination and would stand the best chance of unseating Boxer, particularly since other well-known Republicans like Representatives **David Dreier** and **Darrell Issa** opted against running.

Though the best known of the Republican candidates, Jones will have to surmount problems that have plagued him in the past — most notably, his decision to switch his endorsement from then-candidate **George W. Bush** to Arizona Senator **John McCain** during the California presidential primary contest in 2000. That blunder angered many GOP party activists and hurt Jones's fundraising efforts during his 2002 gubernatorial run. **Kevin Spillane**, an aide to Marin, already has promised that Jones's endorsement switch will be a key part of Marin's campaign against him.

Jones, however, may have the tacit backing of the state's most popular and visible Republican, Governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger**, as Jones was an early supporter of Schwarzenegger's and later served on his transition team.

National Republicans would dearly love to topple the outspoken and proudly liberal Boxer, but the former Marin County supervisor and House member has always proved to be a tough campaigner, soundly defeating her Republican opponents in her first election to the Senate in 1992 and her re-election in 1998. A conservative who has consistently been pro-life and opposed to gay rights, Jones polled well in an October Field Poll among other GOP candidates, and also ran best against Boxer in that poll, trailing 34 percent to her 48 percent. While Boxer is viewed by some as vulnerable, she also has a reputation as a tenacious campaigner and is still favored to win re-election in a state where Democrats widely outnumber Republicans. Still,



Harvey Milk's famous bullhorn, right, is back in its case at the Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy.

Boxer's office said after the filing date passed last week that, "The senator, as always, expects a tough race, though we remain optimistic that she will defeat whoever wins the GOP nomination."

Politics and people

Those closely watching the Democratic presidential contest are saying that if former Vermont Governor **Howard Dean** wins either or both the January 19 Iowa caucus and the first-in-the-nation January 27 New Hampshire primary, it could be all over and those over and those over and those over states that hold their primaries on

February 3 might not even come into play. Some are already speculating on who Dean's running mate will be.

Former Mayor **Art Agnos** stood in for an "ailing" **Matt Gonzalez** Sunday morning for a live appearance on KRON-TV with **Phil Matier** (though Gonzalez appeared a few hours later for a rally with actor **Danny Glover**); hey, makes sense to me — if Matt will wear Agnos's old suits, why not let Agnos spin his old political theories for him (stay away from Agnos's homeless programs, Matt). And no, Agnos says he is not switching to the Green Party but will remain a "loyal" (?) Democrat.

Incidentally, some of the late Harvey Milk's friends are still asking questions as to how the slain supervisor's now-famous bullhorn ended up in candidate Matt Gonzalez's hands at a rally in the Castro, which he subsequently used prominently as a prop in campaign mailer. It seems that the bullhorn, housed in a locked glass case at the Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy in the Castro, left the case this summer when **Cleve Jones** borrowed it to take to Florida. **Sandy Leigh**, principal at the school, told the *Bay Area Reporter* last week that since Jones was the one who donated the bullhorn to the school in 1996, she couldn't refuse his request. The bullhorn was returned to the city, and entrusted to **Phyllis Burke**. Jones, who was in possession of the bullhorn for many years, confirmed this report. Leigh said that Burke was to return the bullhorn before the start of the school year, but that she only returned it recently, after presenting it to Gonzalez for use at the rally last

month. Leigh told us that she didn't know the bullhorn would be used for "political purposes," but that she would not speak to Burke about the matter. Burke did not return our calls seeking comment. Leigh added that it's safe to say Milk's famous bullhorn won't be taking another field trip anytime soon.

Incidentally, City Hall gossips say that people are practically lining up to run against Supervisor **Tony Hall** (District 7) next year. **Annemarie Conroy**, **Pat Lakey**, and former Police Chief (and mayoral candidate) **Tony Ribera** are among those thought to be interested in the seat; say "goodbye," Tony (Hall, that is).

A friend who lives in Washington tells me that **Patricia Ireland**, the former president of the National Organization for Women, has become the campaign manager for Democrat **Carol Moseley Braun**'s presidential campaign. Ireland, who was ousted recently as chief executive of the YWCA, will apparently try to turn Moseley Braun's endorsements from the many women's groups into donations; as of the end of the third quarter of this year, the Moseley Braun campaign had collected only \$340,000.

Meanwhile, the Human Rights Campaign seems determined that gay marriage be a hot-button issue for Republicans in 2004. The group is spending as much as \$1 million on advertising to frame the issue in positive terms. "We want to educate people about what marriage is," said HRC spokesman **Mark Shields**.

One of the best books I've read in a while — *Madame Secretary*, A Memoir by Madeleine Albright (Miramax, 562 pp. \$27.95).

The city of Tucson's domestic partnership for same-sex couples took effect last week; registered couples are now entitled to visitation rights if one partner is in a health care facility, as long as the patient consents. The ordinance also extends use of city facilities and services to a registered partner. Registration fees are \$50 per couple.

And in Louisiana, a 7-year-old boy was scolded recently and forced to write "I will never use the word 'gay' in school again" after he told a classmate about his lesbian mother, the American Civil Liberties Union said. Second-grader **Marcus McLaurin** was waiting for recess on November 11 at Ernest Gaulliet Elementary School in Lafayette when a

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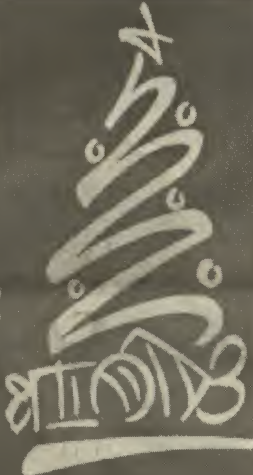
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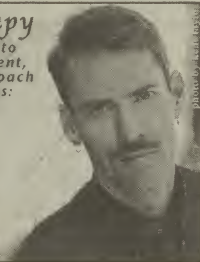
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Bad arguments for gay marriage

by Dale Carpenter

With the country still simmering after the Massachusetts court decision extending marriage to gay couples, it's time to separate the chaff from the wheat in the arguments for gay marriage.

There are several good arguments for gay marriage. Among these are the stability and commitment it would encourage in gay relationships and in gay life generally. That would benefit everybody, gay and straight.

There are also some bad arguments against gay marriage. An example is the selective logic of the procreation argument, which holds that nobody is required to procreate in order to marry, except gay couples, who can't procreate, and so must unfortunately be excluded.

We should acknowledge, however, that we've been guilty of making some bad arguments for gay marriage. Here are three:

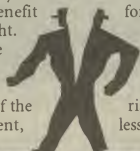
1) *It's all about the benefits.* The most common argument for gay marriage emphasizes the harm that's done to gay couples by excluding them from the protections and benefits of marriage. Among these are tax benefits, settled property division and presumed child visitation and/or custody upon death or divorce, testimonial privileges in court, hospital visitation, and health benefits extended by private employers or governments to the spouses of workers. Someone has tallied over 1,000 marital benefits and privileges. Give us all these goodies, too, the argument goes.

Benefits are indeed part of the story about why it's wrong to exclude gay couples from marriage, but they are not the most important part of it. Some of the benefits of marriage can be replicated—at some cost and inconvenience to the couple—through wills, trusts, and contracts.

Emphasizing the riches of marriage misses the richness of marriage. Very few people marry in order to experience the magic of filing a joint income tax return. They marry because, in our tradi-

tion and history, marriage is the way couples in a community signal the depth of their commitment to one another. Their family and peers reciprocate by supporting and celebrating that commitment, which in turn reinforces it. Everyone understands the stakes.

If the benefits were all that mattered, civil unions would be an adequate substitute. Yet, "We're unionized," simply does not have the powerful social significance of, "We're married." So let's argue for the benefits, but let's not stop there.



2) *We have a right to marry.* Another common argument for gay marriage is more legalistic, and less functional, than the first.

It tends to emphasize the discrimination in the marriage exclusion, holding that gays have just as much "right" to marry as heterosexuals.

The problem is that, while a reasonable legal argument can indeed be made for gay marriage, it is unlikely to persuade anyone who isn't already convinced that gay marriage is a good idea or at least not a bad idea. Legal conclusions follow, they do not create, arguments on the merits of an issue.

Another problem with the rights argument is that it tends to channel our efforts toward courts, where the issue will not ultimately be won, and away from legislatures and from the hearts of our fellow citizens, where it must be won. The comparatively easy work of writing briefs for judges and their clerks will not substitute for the hard work of persuading the people we're right.

3) *Gay marriage will revolutionize society, and that's good.* This perspective was recently expressed by sociologist Kersti Yllo, a professor at Wheaton College. "We need to acknowledge [conservatives'] argument that gay and lesbian marriages have the potential to change civilization as we know it," says Yllo. "And that will be a good thing."

There are at least three versions of this argument. One holds that heterosexuals have screwed up marriage and we'll do a better job. But gay couples, I predict, will suf-

fer divorce rates just as high as their straight counterparts. There will be instances of gay spousal abuse and infidelity, just as there are for straight couples. Gay marriage is not the cause of the problems with marriage, but neither is it a solution.

A second version of the revolution argument maintains that gay marriages will be less "stifling" and perhaps more "open-textured," offering a healthy alternative marital model to straight couples. What is primarily meant by these euphemisms, I think, is that gay male couples will play around more.

I doubt the rate of publicly "open" gay marriages will be very high, for reasons I've offered elsewhere. Further, whatever that rate, I doubt it will have any effect on straight couples because gay couples will comprise a tiny percentage of all marriages and because women will continue to demand monogamy in opposite-sex marriages.

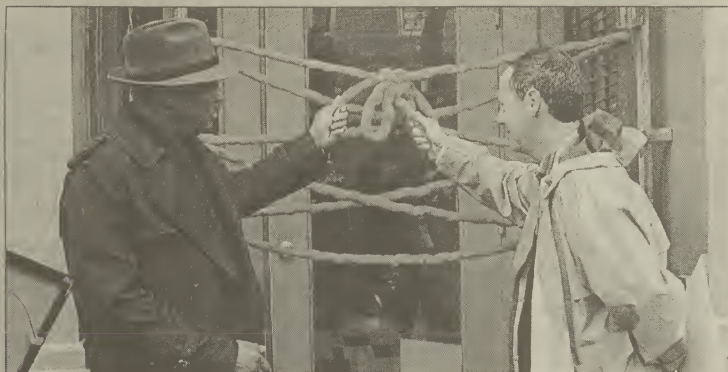
Moreover, if gay marriage did have this "liberating" effect on straight marriage, that would be a good argument against gay marriage. Sexually open relationships are on average less stable and lasting than monogamous ones. Introducing even more instability into opposite-sex marriages would be terrible for the relationships themselves and for the children they often produce.

The third version of the revolution argument holds that gay marriage will undermine traditional gender roles. Like the better-living-through-adultery fallacy, this argument assumes a huge effect from a small cause. Plus, gay relationships often tend to ape traditional ones, with one partner taking on primary breadwinning responsibilities and the other taking on primary domestic duties.

While arguments Nos. 1 and 2 are just bad when offered by themselves, argument No. 3 is just plain bad. ▼

Dale Carpenter is a law professor. Some of his past columns can be read at www.indiegayforum.com. He can be reached at OutRight@aol.com.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Knuckle sandwich

by Jane Warner

Castro Theatre, 429 Castro, December 6, 8:46 a.m.: The manager of the theater flagged down a police officer and reported that when he arrived for work he discovered the ticket booth had been broken into. The manager showed police where the suspect gained entry to the booth by breaking 10 small antique glass windows. The thief stole a CD player that was sitting on the counter top and was not worth much money. The cost to fix the windows, however, was estimated to be several hundred dollars.

Hunt and chase

Unit block of Collingwood, December 9, 7:10 p.m.: A man walking on Collingwood near the Pendulum bar's parking lot was suddenly surprised by another man who approached him from behind and threatened, "I have a knife. Give me all your money or I'll stab you." Caught off guard, the victim turned and saw the suspect holding a hunting knife with a six-inch blade. The suspect pointed the weapon at the victim's

stomach and again demanded money. Fearing for his life, the victim retrieved his wallet and handed the robber \$300. The thief grabbed the money and ran northbound on Collingwood toward Market Street. The suspect—described as African American, 5 feet 6 inches, with a slender build and wearing a puffy jacket—may have followed the victim from the Safeway on Market Street where he used the ATM.

Homo wrecker

Castro Gulch, 2352 Market Street, December 6, 1:53 a.m.: An alleged drunk came into the novelty shop

holding what appeared to be a drink from the Detour bar next door. When the clerk asked him to leave, he became enraged, and angrily screamed obscenities. Afraid for her safety, the clerk picked up the phone and called 911. Seeing this, the man ran over to the clerk, pulled her hair, and threw his drink on her. "Now I've ruined your dress, you whore. You'll never make any money on the street tonight," he said. A struggle ensued and the clerk tried to defend herself. Hearing the commotion, several passers-by came into the store and

forcibly threw the drunk out. The suspect—described as a white man, 30 years old, and wearing blue overalls—crossed the street and was last seen walking down into the Castro. Police responded and while gathering information from the clerk heard a report of a fight in front of Daddy's bar. The suspect matched the description of the drunk that assaulted the clerk. Police responded and found a victim who reported that the suspect ran in front of his car—a convertible Jaguar—and started screaming, "You spoiled little rich faggot. Fuck you and your daddy who bought you this car." The suspect kicked the car door and broke off the antenna, then ran north on Castro toward Market Street. Several units responded and found the suspect at the bus stop fronting Pink Triangle Park. Upon approach from officers, the suspect resisted, putting up his fists and saying, "Come on, you bunch of pussies." The drunk was quickly apprehended and taken to Mission Station, where it was discovered he had a previous arrest for aggravated assault with a hate crime enhancement; the suspect allegedly threw a beer bottle at a staff member of the LGBT Community Center and then attacked a group of women leaving the Transfer bar in April of last year. ▼



Crime & Punishment

SF Police Commission adopts further TG reform

by Zak Szymanski

On Wednesday, December 3, the years-long effort to reform police procedures concerning transgender individuals cleared another hurdle when the San Francisco Police Commission unanimously adopted two more platforms proposed by the task force that was charged with creating and implementing new policies.

The commission heard and voted on the addition of transgender-specific language to the police department's general orders, and also passed the task force report's recommendations.

Specifically, the general orders affected by Wednesday's vote include 2.01 and 5.03, which apply to rules of conduct and investigative detentions. And a key element to the adopted task force report, according to Marcus Arana, a San

Francisco Human Rights Commission investigator, is a recommendation that psychiatric evaluators during the police hiring process be screened for bias against transgenders.

"It was big deal stuff," said Arana of last week's vote.

The only item remaining to be passed is a change to the general orders, section 11.07, which adds transgender language to the larger antidiscrimination policies of the police department. Such an addition gives employees, detainees, and arrestees a basis on which to file a transgender-specific complaint. This policy change is under legal review, and advocates said they expect that eventually it will be heard and passed. The task force is recommending the adoption of language that is inclusive of gender identity as well as presentation.

Nationwide, police abuse of

transgenders has been documented as an ongoing problem, with reported incidents including strip searches to determine genitalia, placement in unsafe holding cells, and assumptions that all transgenders are sex workers.

On Wednesday, November 12, the police commission got the ball rolling with its unanimous adoption of recommendations related to the training of officers. Specifically, those guidelines prohibited police from challenging a suspect's gender identity except for legally required citation forms; required officers to address transgenders by their preferred gender identities; and called for the separation of transgenders from the general population in the jail, which is run by the Sheriff's Department.

Most notably, all the guidelines stipulate that a person has the right to determine his or her own gender, regardless of presentation. ▼

LGBT community needed in court today

by Zak Szymanski

Wear red and report to the Hall of Justice at 850 Bryant Street today (Thursday, December 11); once again a community presence is needed to show support for the victims of an alleged gay bashing.

At 2 p.m. in Department 22, Jack Broughton of Walnut Creek will appear in court, where his defense attorneys will argue for the dismissal of his felony hate crime charge.

Broughton was arrested last year after his alleged assault upon Yvette Balderas and Mariah

Sparks at the San Francisco Drag King contest at Studio Z in SOMA. He has pleaded not guilty to the charges.

According to witnesses, Broughton punched Balderas several times in the back of the head and repeatedly kicked her while she was on the ground, calling her homophobic names. Balderas lost consciousness for a portion of the attack, and Sparks was injured when she tried to intervene.

The case has withstood several challenges, and a judge upheld the hate crime charge earlier this year. Nonetheless Broughton will attempt once again to have the charge removed, which is why

community presence is so important, advocates said.

Community United Against Violence is urging individuals, groups, and social justice organizations to show up in droves.

"This is not a simple assault case. Broughton needs to be held accountable for his anti-LGBT violence and blatant prejudice toward our very diverse queer communities," said a statement from CUA.V. "Hate crime enhancements send a serious public message that holds perpetrators, when they are fueled by their hate, responsible and accountable for their actions."

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Many changes for LGBT senior residence project

by Zak Szymanski

It's an idea whose time has come, and has attracted national attention from eager potential residents. And as Openhouse – a mixed-income LGBT senior community planned for San Francisco – continues to advance toward reality, many recent changes have impacted the project.

The organization has seen yet another executive director depart; Mark Utterbach, who was hired in April, is no longer in that position. Openhouse board member and president emeritus Dr. Marcy Adelman said that the organization "wishes him well." Reached by phone Utterbach told the *Bay Area Reporter* that he had no comment about his departure, but added that he is presently doing consulting work and does plan to stay in the Bay Area. Utterbach moved from Missouri to take the Openhouse job. He replaced the Reverend Jim Mitulski, the organization's first executive director, who was hired in 2002 and also served for less than a year.

Meanwhile, Openhouse has hired interim Executive Director Cathy Maupin while a national search gets under way for an executive director who will lead the project into its next phase.

The openly lesbian Maupin, 47, has over 20 years of executive leadership and management experience in the nonprofit sector. She has been hired as a consultant at \$60 an hour and works between



Interim director Cathy Maupin

20 and 30 hours per week. Her role is to "hold down the fort" she said, and make sure progress continues to be made.

Maupin's recent work with the nonprofit Civic Ventures looked at the aging of America not as a problem, but as an asset, and sought ways to take "all the talents of older people, and harness that for a greater good."

And although she is not a candidate for the permanent position, she said she is very invested in Openhouse's success.

Openhouse also has a new board president, as founding member Adelman has stepped down from that position. She con-

tinues to be an active executive committee and board member, she said. Alexander Hines, an Openhouse board member for two years, recently took over the position of president; Hines has a healthcare background and is currently the director of admissions at Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center.

Openhouse is still on track to create and sustain a residential community that will welcome all seniors, and honors lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender seniors, according to the most recent statement, released this week.

Other news includes additional funding that has come through for Openhouse. The estate of Harold Baron – a gay man in Marin County who died last year and had hoped to live long enough to reside at Openhouse – recently settled, leaving \$130,000 in funds immediately available to the project. More money is expected from his estate in the fall, and in his honor, a library space at Openhouse will be named for his mother, Sarah Baron. A \$10,000 grant from the Wells Fargo Foundation has also recently been awarded to Openhouse.

Current activities include general pre-development studies including development of the architectural program, financial plan, and a service plan. The plans should be completed by late spring or early summer of 2004 and will be shared with the community at that time for input.

For more information, visit www.openhouse-sf.org. ▼

Winter T-party next Thursday

by Zak Szymanski

Men, women, bois, grrls, and all other gender identities and allies are invited to a "Winter T-party" – get it? – organized by the San Francisco Transgender Steering Committee on Thursday, December 18 at the LGBT Community Center, 1800 Market Street, from 6-9 p.m.

Next Thursday's T-party features a variety of transgender musicians, singers, and poets, including Metamorphosis, Other Brothers, Thomas and Mikaela, Prado Gomez, Angelo, Von Muniel, Ashley Moore, Marcus Arana, Michelle Garcia, and the world's only known transgender gospel

choir, Transcendence.

Food and refreshments will be provided, and there will be a raffle with numerous gender nonspecific prizes. The T-party is recovery-friendly, handicapped-accessible, and free of charge. It is co-sponsored by the UCSF/Center for AIDS Prevention Studies Transgender Resources and Neighborhood Space project, and the San Francisco LGBT Community Center.

"This event is a good way to meet people and a good way for all members of the trans communities to come together," said JoAnne Keatley, a steering committee member and project director of UCSF/CAPS. "It's an opportunity for all of the trans community to come together under

one roof, and be thankful for the year we've had, which includes important legislation that has moved forward to protect our human and civil rights. Come and celebrate with your fellow trans brothers and sisters."

The San Francisco Transgender Steering Committee is an ad hoc group committed to coordinating quarterly events for the benefit of local community members. Formed about a year and a half ago, the committee most recently hosted a job preparation fair in September and the Transgender Pride Awards in June. The committee and its events are open to all Bay Area transgenders and allies. For more information, call (415) 476-2364. ▼

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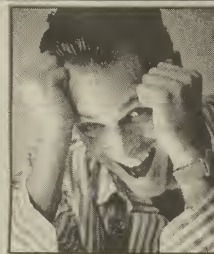
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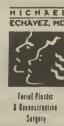
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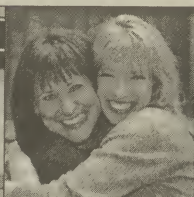
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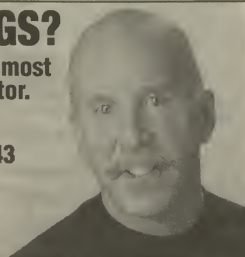
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Pelosi blasts antigay marriage amendment

by Cynthia Laird

Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, the House minority leader, blasted the right-wing's proposed Federal Marriage Amendment and pledged to prevent it from succeeding. Pelosi made her comments during a roundtable with Bay Area media outlets Thursday, December 4 at the Federal Building in San Francisco.

Pelosi, a San Francisco Democrat, told the assembled reporters, "I'm going to prevent them from succeeding," referring to proponents of the FMA. The amendment, which would ban gay marriage, was introduced in the House of Representatives by Republicans earlier this year with support from several conservative Democratic representatives. It was introduced in the Senate last month by five Republican lawmakers.

"It's mean-spirited and political," Pelosi said of the proposed constitutional amendment.

Pelosi was asked about what she would do to prevent more Democrats from signing on as co-sponsors and told reporters that she has a plan to defeat the proposed amendment.

"I have a plan, but I'm not telling you. I don't want to pressure anyone," she said, apparently making reference to Democratic House members from more conservative parts of the country. "It's something I care very, very much about."

"Some members are really on the spot, but it's part of our job to educate," she added. "My commitment is to stop this constitutional amendment and I'll be working with [Representatives] Barney



Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi

Frank and Tammy Baldwin."

Frank, from Massachusetts, and Baldwin, from Wisconsin, are the two openly gay Democratic House members. Representative Jim Kolbe, from Arizona, is an openly gay Republican.

Pelosi criticized Republicans pushing the amendment, saying it was a "frivolous way to use the Constitution."

No state in the country recognizes gay marriages. Vermont, of course, has civil unions and last month the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court issued its ruling calling on the state Legislature to develop a plan to implement gay marriage. In its 4-3 decision, the justices said that same-sex couples have the right to wed, but left it up to lawmakers to determine how that will be carried out.

It was the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to throw out state sodomy laws in June that helped galvanize the right wing against gay marriage. Last month's Massachusetts court decision served as

the catalyst for the FMA's introduction in the U.S. Senate.

Amending the U.S. Constitution is not easy. The amendment must pass both houses of Congress by a two-thirds majority in each. Once the bill has passed both houses, it goes on to the states, three-fourths of which must ratify it.

Last month, Pelosi issued a statement in support of the Massachusetts court decision.

"All Americans should have the ability to make their own decisions about their personal lives and to live free from discrimination," she said. "This ruling will help end discrimination in Massachusetts against lesbian and gay couples regarding pension benefits, medical insurance, hospital visitation, and inheritance rights."

At last week's meeting, Pelosi talked of her support for all Americans, and called the country's diversity one of its assets. As leader of the House Democrats, Pelosi spoke warmly of the many caucuses that make up the Democratic contingent, including the powerful Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

"I've always said, the beauty is in the mix," she said, adding that representatives from various backgrounds bring with them knowledge of their communities.

In a brief interview following the roundtable, Pelosi reiterated her opposition to the proposed amendment.

"I don't want to show my whole hand," she said. "What I've said to my gay friends across the country who say, 'We're going to hold every Democrat accountable' is, 'Don't hold every Democrat accountable; hold me accountable.'" ▼

Gay activists go to Iowa to help Howard Dean

by Cynthia Laird

Gay rights activists who support Democrat Dr. Howard Dean for president held a conference call with gay media outlets Tuesday, December 9 just hours after the former Vermont governor was endorsed by former Vice President Al Gore in his bid for the White House.

"I think the Al Gore endorsement is just astounding," Donna



Donna Red Wing

Red Wing, field adviser on GLBT issues for the Dean campaign, told reporters from Iowa, where she's been holding meetings with various gay groups. "It's the most significant endorsement of the campaign."

Gore spoke at the National Black Theater's Institute for Action Arts in Harlem Tuesday morning.

"Howard Dean really is the only candidate who has been able to inspire at the grassroots level all over this country the kind of passion and enthusiasm for democracy and change and transformation of America that we need in this country. We need to remake the Democratic Party; we need to remake America; we need to take it back on behalf of the people of this country. So I'm very proud and honored to endorse Howard Dean to be the next president of the United States of America," Gore said.

Red Wing, a former staffer for the Human Rights Campaign and most recently, the Gill Foundation, officially joined the Dean campaign in June. She was joined on the conference call by Marty Rouse, a former staff member in the Clinton administration, who



Howard Dean

lives with his longtime partner, Scott Sherman in Vermont. The two men had a civil union ceremony in May and are strong supporters of Dean.

The former Vermont governor signed the civil union law three years ago.

"There's something extremely powerful about having a civil union," Rouse said.

While he acknowledged that a

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Norvir

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And we've done a number of
things to make sure patients are
not getting hurt."

But concerned AIDS advocates
said that patients from all eco-
nomic backgrounds will suffer at
some level regardless.

For starters, it can be presumed
from Abbott's own estimate that
80 percent of people on Norvir
have, until this month, been pay-
ing between \$1.71 and \$3.42 per
pill per day. The increase, there-
fore, can be as much as \$200 per
month – and that's just for people
on the lower doses.

Additionally, said Lei Chou, di-
rector of the access project at the
AIDS Treatment Data Network in
New York, the fact that less of a
drug is needed should not in-
crease its price so disproportion-
ately from its original dose. And it
is Abbott's own recognition that
so many drugs are Norvir depend-
ent that has him worried.

"Primarily our major concern
right now is that by taking this ac-
tion, Abbott is putting a gun to the
head of those people who are in
the salvage situation, when they've
been through a few different reg-
imens already and need to use
Norvir," said Chou. "I don't un-
derstand how they can justify a
price increase on this scale; for
some people it brings the boost-
ing dose up to the same price as
the full dose of other protease in-
hibitors."

Chou speculates that the main
reason Abbott has increased the
price of Norvir is to keep more
people on Kaletra, an Abbott
combination pill with Norvir as
part of its co-formulation. Abbott

has refused to grant licenses to
others to develop co-formula-
tions, he said, which means that
doctors looking for cost effective-
ness will likely prescribe Kaletra
over other drugs that are Norvir-
dependent.

Chou is not comforted that
Abbott has changed its drug pro-
gram to accommodate all income
levels – that has always been a
temporary program, he said,
which requires continuous doctor
follow-up – and he believes that
those most impacted will be peo-
ple who pay out of pocket and
those on primary insurance plans.

"What usually happens with
something like this is that private
plans start implementing restric-
tions on prescriptions, or put the
drugs on a tier price, where a
person may have to pay up to \$50
in co-payments. And it's defini-
tely going to cause increases in
insurance premiums across the
board."

Chou and advocates in San
Francisco from Project Inform
and the San Francisco AIDS
Foundation said they are planning
to work together with several
community groups to protest the
Norvir price increase. ▼

AB 205

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nature drive was doing well. "I
think that they are trying to cover
what appears to be their failure.
But you have to remember Sena-
tor Knight was the person who
told us Proposition 22 would not
impact domestic partnership
rights in any way. He says they are
not moving forward, but we have
reason to question his veracity."

Openly gay Assemblyman
Mark Leno (D-San Francisco) said
he views the development as a sign
that the far right is losing ground
in the battle over gay rights.

"We must remain vigilant at all
times. The good news is Californi-
ans did not rush to sign these pe-
titions," said Leno, who chairs the
LGBT Caucus in the state Legisla-
ture. "I think it underscores that
the core of our adversaries is re-
ally made up of far, right-wing ex-
tremists. More and more the mid-
dle ground is with us and that is
our path to victory."

"I never thought Knight would
get financed. The ultra right con-
servative proselytizers aren't nec-
essarily fundraisers," said Board of
Equalization chairwoman Carole
Migden, an out lesbian who is run-
ning to replace termed-out state
Senator John Burton (D-San
Francisco). "But yes, Equality Cal-
ifornia, I believe, is well reasoned
to say that increasingly public atti-
tudes are better."

Leno cautioned the move may
signal that the conservative groups
are hatching a different assault
against rights for gay and lesbian
families.

"Now we shouldn't rule out
that if they really invest in an ef-
fort to gather signatures that they
may forget about AB205 altogether
and attempt to place on the No-
vember ballot a measure which
would put the wording of Propo-
sition 22, which is presently in the



Assemblyman Ray Haynes

Family Code, into the state Con-
stitution," said Leno. "Before they
could do that, they would have to
file papers with the secretary of
state and that has not happened.
They would have I think until
April to gather signatures for a
constitutional amendment."

By ensconcing Proposition 22
into the Constitution, Leno said it
would make it that much harder to
rescind the antigay measure in the
future. As it stands now, Propo-
sition 22 only relates to gay mar-
riages in other states, argued Leno.

"Proposition 22 does not ad-
dress the issue of equal marriage
rights for our community within
California. It merely addresses issues
of how the state will deal with out-
of state marriages between same-
gender couples," said Leno. "That is
different from whether we will be
able to have same-gender marriage
between two Californians."

For now, gay leaders are fo-
cused on winning the court battle.
Arguing on behalf of Equality Cal-
ifornia in the case, *Senator Pete
Knight v. Governor Arnold
Schwarzenegger et al and Equality
California et al*, is Los Angeles at-
torney David Codell, vice presi-
dent of Equality California's
board.

Attorney General Bill Lockyer's
office is leading the state's defense
and has filed a demur to throw out
the case. ▼

Advocate

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are seeing the devastating results in
our emergency rooms. Unfortu-
nately, that's not the end of it.
There is potential for even greater
harm because we are not clear
about the long-term effects."

GLMA warned three years ago
that meth use, particularly in the
U.S. Northwest, was rising at an
alarming rate. The organization
called for the National Institute on
Drug Abuse, Substance Abuse and
Mental Health Administration,
Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention, Center for Substance
Abuse Treatment, National Insti-
tutes of Health, other government
agencies, as well as corporate and
private foundations to step up ef-
forts and funding allocations for
community-based research and
educational programs.

In the last year health officials
across the country have been
sounding new alarms about the im-
pact of speed use within the gay

community. Health officials in both
Los Angeles and San Francisco have
reported that nearly 100 percent of
the HIV-positive men testing posi-
tive for another sexually transmit-
ted disease report using crystal use.

In San Francisco, the city's ris-
ing rates of syphilis have also
shown to be tied partly to speed
use. In 2003, 30 percent of those
people who have syphilis reported
using methamphetamines, a slight
increase from 2002, when nearly
28 percent of people reported
using the drug.

The NIH recently surveyed
speed use among gay men in var-
ious parts of the country. While
the national average was 4 percent,
in San Francisco the NIH estimat-
ed that more than 12 percent of
men who have sex with men use
the drug.

Beginning in January, the city
is expected to launch a new adver-
tising campaign aimed at chang-
ing gay men's acceptance of speed
use among their peers. The ads
will be paid for with funds Dufty
helped secure. ▼

Memorial for murdered sex workers Wednesday

by Liz Highleyman

Bay Area sex worker activists and supporters have called for an International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers on Wednesday, December 17. Local events will take place in Berkeley, Oakland, and San Francisco.

"We want to show that people care about prostitutes," said organizer Robyn Few, executive director of the Bay Area-based Sex Workers Outreach Project-USA. "They are our mothers, sisters, aunts, and even schoolteachers." SWOP-USA formed in August to protest the highly publicized prostitution arrest and alleged police harassment of Shannon Williams, a former East Bay teacher.

The December 17 day of action was planned after Gary Ridgway, 54 – known as the Green River killer – confessed to the murders of 48 women, mostly prostitutes, in the Seattle area over the past two decades. Ridgway was arrested in November 2001, but only confessed to the killings last month as part of a plea-bargain that will allow him to avoid the death penalty.

"I wanted to kill as many women I thought were prostitutes as I possibly could," Ridgway said in a statement. "I picked prostitutes because I thought I could kill as many of them as I wanted with-

out getting caught."

Sex worker advocates contend police did not pursue the case against Ridgway with sufficient diligence because the victims were primarily prostitutes. They claim that decriminalization of prostitution would make sex workers more willing to report violence against them.

"Sex workers should not continue to be treated as second-class citizens," said Few. "Unequal protection under the law allows people to think and operate like the Green River killer. It is time for these laws to change."

Few said SWOP is planning to gather signatures for a decriminalization ballot initiative in Berkeley, and will ask supervisors to introduce a similar initiative in San Francisco. Assemblyman Mark Leno's (D-San Francisco) office is currently reviewing proposed legislation developed by SWOP that would repeal all prostitution laws except those protecting children.

Wednesday's activities in the Bay Area will begin with a morning memorial ceremony followed by a panel discussion on prostitution and decriminalization featuring University of California professor Rita Brock and sex worker activists Few, Carol Leigh, Veronica Monet, Carol Queen, and Annie Sprinkle. The event will take place at the Berkeley Fellowship Unitarian Universalist

Church, 1924 Cedar Street, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Following the panel will be a lunch gathering at Oakland City Hall at 1 p.m., after which participants will deliver letters to the Oakland City Council advocating decriminalization.

That evening from 5-7 p.m., sex worker activists and supporters will gather at Civic Center Plaza in San Francisco for a candlelight vigil and memorial ceremony featuring Few, Leigh, and Sprinkle. Participants are urged to share their words, songs, or poems, and to bring items for a commemorative altar. A reception will follow in City Hall hosted by Supervisor Tom Ammiano, a longtime sex worker rights advocate.

"I am deeply saddened by the murders of the Seattle area sex workers, and appalled that they continued for so long," said Sprinkle, a performance artist and former porn star turned sexologist. "It's important to show that we care, and to insist on safer working conditions for the vulnerable sex workers out there today."

In addition to the Bay Area events, memorials will also be held in some 20 other cities. ▼

For more information about the International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers, visit www.swop-usa.org.



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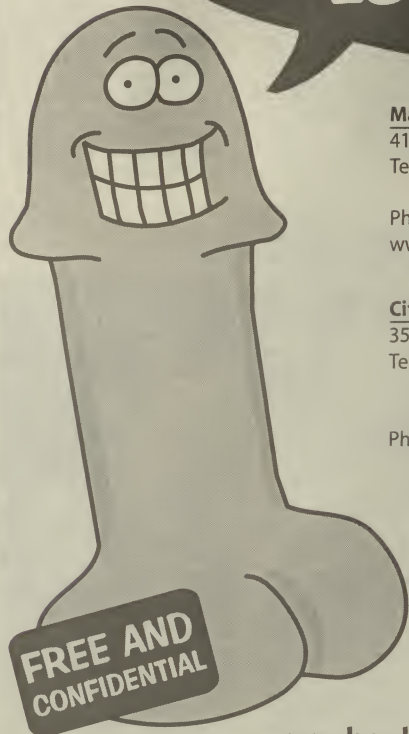
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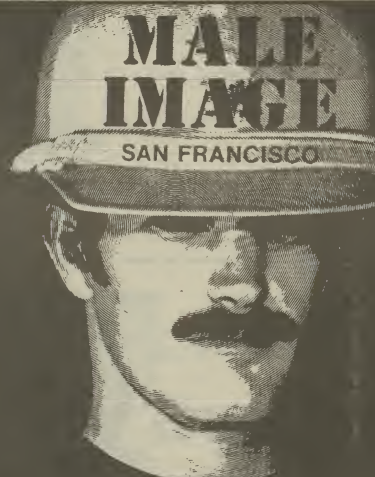
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Group works for support of gay marriage within African American community

by Bob Roeher

The National Black Justice Coalition announced a nationwide campaign to generate support for marriage equality for the LGBT community among African Americans. It came at a news conference at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. on Monday, December 8.

The coalition is an ad hoc group that was formed only five days earlier, with Keith Boykin as one of its co-chairs. The author and former White House staff member served as executive director of the now-defunct National Black Lesbian and Gay Leadership Forum.

The purpose is "to counter right-wing misinformation about blacks and marriage equality," said Boykin. "Our first goal is to educate and inform our community about marriage equality. Our second goal is to defeat the recently proposed constitutional amendment that would discriminate against gay and unmarried couples."

He announced that Coretta Scott King has joined the list of supporters of marriage equality that includes Representative John Lewis (D-Georgia), Democratic presidential candidates the Reverend Al Sharpton and former Ambassador Carol Moseley Braun, actress Whoopi Goldberg, San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, and former U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders.

"Marriage is not a wedge issue for African Americans," Boykin declared. And while he acknowledged that the community is more conservative on issues of marriage



From left, Keith Boykin, Donna Payne, and Mandy Carter hope to educate the African American community about the importance of gay marriage as part of the newly formed National Black Justice Coalition.

than on civil rights, we "do not vote based on gay issues. We vote on jobs, the economy, health care, war and peace, and social justice."

"The Federal Marriage Amendment would mark the first time in that nation's history that we would be amending the Constitution to specifically discriminate against a single group of Americans," said Donna Payne, a field organizer for the Human Rights Campaign. "This is not about special rights, it's about protecting our families."

"I strongly oppose this amendment, in love," said the Reverend Michael Moore, pastor of God's Living Spirit Church. "It is biased and unloving in the strongest sense of the word." She quoted

from First Corinthians that people should love unconditionally.

"Today, we are asking for marriage equality, not 'gay marriage.' That's the shorthand term that our opponents use to make gay people's families seem different or lesser," explained Mandy Carter, a longtime community organizer now working in North Carolina.

"The truth is that we are working for an end to discrimination in marriage itself—the same rules and responsibilities, the same protections, the same dignity, the same commitment, the same opportunity to declare your love for another person with whom you build a life."

"Same-sex couples want the equal choice—the freedom to marry—not two lines at the clerk's office for separate and unequal treatment," said Carter.

Maurice Franklin applauded the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights—the grand coalition behind all national civil rights legislation—for issuing a statement opposing the FMA. He called upon the nation's major black and civil rights organizations to "stand up now" against the amendment, and to support marriage equality for LGBT people.

Invoking the name of Bayard Rustin, the black gay organizer of the 1963 March on Washington, Franklin said, "For decades, black gays and lesbians sat at the table silently and patiently while everyone else got their piece of the American dream. Now we will sit no longer and be silent!"

He believes, "We certainly are going to have to put pressure on the black civil rights community" to advocate the position of marriage equality.

Dr. Alvin Williams and Nigel Simon have adopted a son "and are treated as a family by our own extended family, friends, and coworkers," Simon said. "Marriage discrimination could deprive our family of veteran's benefits, civilian benefits, tax benefits, and immigration benefits. That could expose our son to enormous instability if something should happen to one of us."

"This is a real issue about our lives. Our burdens are heavier and our expenses are greater simply because we can't get legally married," said Sandra Toby-Heath. She and her partner, Alicia Heath-Toby, are among those suing the state of New Jersey for the right to marry.

"We pay first-class taxes, but we're treated like second-class citizens," she said. "If two complete strangers met each other last week and got legally married today, they would have more rights under the law than our relationship has after 15 years of being together. That's not fair and that's why we're here today."

A reporter noted that some find comparisons of the black and gay civil rights movements to be distasteful.

Boykin called it "shortsighted to begin to think that we can oppress others."

"I'm just as black as I am gay," said Franklin. "I couldn't, I wouldn't choose between them."

"I cannot divide myself," added Payne. She explained how when she and her partner go to rent an apartment and landlords say, "We don't rent to your kind," the effect is the same regardless of whether they are discriminating against her because of the color of her skin or the sex of her partner.

For Heath-Toby, homophobia is at the root of stigma and discrimination that "resonates and festers on our self-esteem" and leads to too many African Americans engaging in activities that put them at risk for HIV.

Moore said that in her work as a psychotherapist, one of her teenage clients recently attempted suicide. "There is self-hate and internal homophobia. There aren't enough role models in the LGBT community of African Americans who are successful, educated, active, and people of faith standing up and saying, 'This is who I am, and I'm okay.'"

"The challenge is for us, and those that are still in the closet, to start kicking down some doors and stand up for the generation that is coming behind us. We need to be the role models for them to follow."

The coalition intends to raise and spend \$100,000 on targeted advertising in black newspapers, magazines, and radio stations, primarily through individual contributions. When asked later if HRC will contribute to the effort, Payne said she was sure that it would, but said that a dollar amount had not yet been discussed. ▼

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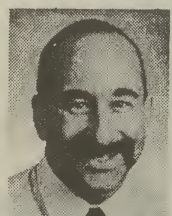
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A visit from 49ers owners



Following through on a promise made last year, San Francisco 49ers owners Denise DeBartolo York and her husband, Dr. John York, visited Trax bar in the Haight Saturday, December 6. Pictured with Ms. York, second from left, are Mitchell Thompson, left; Trax co-owner and 49er season ticket holder Mark Wilson; and 49ers season ticket holder and loyal Trax customer Joe MacDonald. Gordon Boe, a Trax co-owner, met Dr. York last year when he was in the Castro trying to mend fences following the homophobic comments made by 49er running back Garrison Hearst. At the time, Boe mentioned that the Castro wasn't the only neighborhood with gay sports bars and Dr. York promised to visit. The bar features the 49ers football games on TV during the season.

Lawsuit dismissed against San Francisco gay porn company

by Zak Szymanski

A local gay pornography company got some relief on November 21 when Susan Illston, U.S. District Court Judge for the Northern District of California, granted a motion to dismiss a lawsuit filed by the communications company SBC.

The case in question stemmed from the ongoing battle around peer-to-peer file sharing software, and the actions taken by the San Francisco-based Titan Media to stop the illegal trading of its pornographic videos.

SBC had challenged the right of Titan Media to obtain the identities of SBC subscribers who repeatedly violate laws around file swapping. Such violators, according to Titan, not only cost the company thousands of dollars in sales, but allow unregulated access of adult materials to children and minors. Titan's sales have dropped 30 percent since P2P software use surged, and simple Web surfing continually reveals its own video titles on file-swapping sites that are accessible to any Internet user without age restrictions.



Titan's Bruce Lahey

"What violators are doing," Titan Media President Bruce Lahey told the *Bay Area Reporter* earlier this year, "is enabling adult material to be distributed without adult protections."

To crack down on those who illegally trade its material, Titan has been following the guidelines passed by Congress known as the Digital Millennium Copyright Act. The 1998 DMCA allows companies like Titan to issue subpoenas

to Internet service providers demanding the name, address, and telephone numbers of ISP customers who are suspected of illegally downloading copyrighted material.

When a movie of Titan's is traded, an ISP number is revealed, to which Titan sends a cease and desist order, which ISPs are expected to forward to its offending customers.

Violators are first offered an amnesty option, whereby they can pay a flat fee of \$75 and avoid future prosecution, or offer payment for each title downloaded or traded.

But for those who ignore the warnings or continue to break the law, said Titan representatives, securing a subpoena is the only way to stop massive operations of illegal file swapping.

Under the DMCA, such subpoenas are not subject to a review by a judge, which has prompted

companies like SBC to claim that divulging information about its subscribers would violate their customers' privacy rights. But Titan representatives say such arguments are cloaks for retaining customers, and the billions of dollars they bring to ISPs. The alternative to securing subpoenas, they point out, is filing a lawsuit, which would make the names and addresses of offenders public information once they were identified.

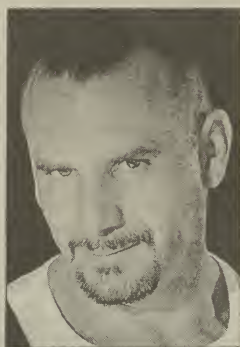
SBC's lawsuit sought to overturn the subpoena provisions of the DMCA, and according to Titan, was filed in San Francisco because local judges are considered to be more favorable toward privacy matters. Titan was named as a defendant, according to Titan attorney Gill Sperlein, because SBC needed to find a company under the jurisdiction of a San Francisco court.

"We believe Pac Bell [now SBC] named Titan Media in this

lawsuit in order to get a foothold in a court where they hoped to get a more favorable ruling," said Sperlein. "We are pleased that the court was able to see through Pacific Bell's smoke and mirror attempts to create a controversy where none existed."

Similar lawsuits by SBC and other communications companies have been filed around the country, and many have ended with rulings that have upheld the DMCA. But the DMCA remains challenged, both in litigation and by legislators. And at press time, it was unclear whether SBC would appeal the San Francisco decision; SBC spokespersons did not return phone calls seeking comment.

Nonetheless, last month's court ruling was a big victory for anyone concerned about illegal file sharing, and it proved, said Titan's marketing vice president Keith Webb, that such lawsuits are not for the so-called protection of the



Titan's Keith Webb

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Newsom wins

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with the mayor-elect Tuesday night. Former Supervisor Leslie Katz was also on hand. Newsom also reached out to the African American, Asian, and Latino communities.

"I am so thrilled he won," said city resident Louis Bonsignore. "As a gay man and a gay Republican, I think he brought the entire city together."

Newsom took the early lead in the race when absentee results were released at about 8:20 p.m. Tuesday. Just about an hour later, the precinct results were in and Newsom held on to win. Newsom ran a conventional campaign that placed emphasis on absentee voting for the runoff race. He also spent nearly \$4 million on his campaign.

In contrast, Gonzalez spent less than \$400,000 and energized many residents who had never been active in a political campaign. While Gonzalez outpolled Newsom in precinct voting, he could not overcome the absentee totals that gave Newsom the edge.

Both candidates were gracious in their comments. Hundreds of Gonzalez supporters packed his election headquarters in the Mission, only to hear that their candidate fell short. But Gonzalez said the movement is about more than this one race. He also talked about the support he received from many in the Democratic Party.

"I think in a lot of ways the race was cast as Green versus Democrat. But this is a city with 3 percent [registered] Greens and look what we did," Gonzalez said.

He congratulated Newsom on his victory. "Let's be good sports about this," he said. "A campaign like this is really bigger than one



Matt Gonzalez, shown here at an earlier candidates forum, came up short in his bid for mayor.

person. What matters is whether we can regroup. What matters is when Mayor Newsom is wrong, we'll be there to oppose him. But I want to emphasize the opposite; when he's right we'll support him."

There were no concessions speeches at the Gonzalez party; those in attendance said that the campaign was a success in that it served as a wake-up call to politics as usual.

Gonzalez was joined on stage by several prominent politicians—including Democrats like Public Defender Jeff Adachi and Supervisors Aaron Peskin, Jake McGoldrick, Gerardo Sandoval, and Chris Daly, former Mayor Art Agnos, and many Green Party members, including former gubernatorial candidate Peter Camejo—all of whom celebrated the campaign as the start of a larger national movement.

"The spirit of this town has been rejuvenated forever," said Peskin, to uproarious applause.

"Remember this night," said Agnos, "it's the beginning of

something."

"What you achieved today," said Camejo, "has put the fear of the people in the people that dominate us."

Newsom began his quest for mayor last year with his Care Not Cash initiative to revamp the city's homeless policies. The measure passed with broad support, but was later thrown out by a judge and a new version was adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Tuesday night, Newsom talked about how he will work to change the city's homeless programs, and also pledged to work with the public schools, the uninsured, and to help create jobs in the city.

"Change is on its way," he said.

In the district attorney's race, Harris's party at her campaign headquarters in the Bayview was in full swing when she arrived after the results had been tallied. Harris had strong support in the LGBT community, including endorsements from Assemblyman Mark Leno (D-San Francisco) and his former opponent, ex-Supervisor Harry Britt. Harris ran on a

platform of change after eight years of the Hallinan administration. The candidates' positions on major issues were similar. Both support medical marijuana, oppose the death penalty, and see merit in diversion programs for nonviolent offenders.

"We all came together here," Harris told cheering supporters. "It's about one San Francisco and that's what we're saying tonight."

Hallinan was upbeat with his remarks, saying he had done a good job in office. He said he plans to go into private practice with his son, who just passed the bar exam. ▼



D.A.-elect Kamala Harris

Herpes carriers

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tor for the study, said the study will determine "if we suppress HSV-2 recurrences with Acyclovir, will this have a significant impact on HIV infection rates among HIV-negative men and women."

The study is focused on genital herpes caused by HSV-2. The second form of herpes, HSV-1, or oral herpes, which primarily affects the mouth, is not part of the research.

The increased risk of acquiring HIV in previous studies is seen in people who were previously infected with HSV-2. HSV-1 does not appear to carry the same increased risk for acquiring HIV.

Researchers chose Acyclovir for the study partly because the drug is the least expensive of those currently on the market and has relatively few side effects. The one drawback is it is not 100 percent effective in suppressing genital herpes outbreaks.

While Fuchs cautioned, "We don't know if this theory will work," he said if the study is successful then Acyclovir "can be purchased relatively cheaply and has the potential to have a huge impact in the developing world where genital herpes is extremely prevalent. In some populations it is up to 80 percent."

San Francisco began enrolling gay men this week into the study, and over the next 18 months will recruit 315 MSM to participate.

Study sites recruiting MSMs are being set up in Seattle, New York, and Lima, Peru. Sites recruiting women are being established in three African countries: Zambia, Zimbabwe, and South Africa.

More than 3,680 people will be part of the study, which will be a randomized, double-blinded placebo controlled trial. A computer will randomly assign 50 percent of participants to receive the drug while the other half will receive a placebo.

Sponsored by the National Institutes of Health and the HIV Prevention Trials Network, the study's results will not be known until late 2006.

"It is an interesting study because a lot of people with herpes remain asymptomatic. Even though a person may not have symptoms of herpes they can still pass on the infection," said Schneider.

Those MSMs eligible to join the study must either know they have genital herpes or are unaware they carry HSV-2, be sexually active and are HIV-negative.

Over the course of 12 months, study participants will take Acyclovir twice daily. After the initial enrollment visit, there will be monthly follow-up visits, free STD screening, regular free HIV testing and treatment for genital herpes outbreaks.

Stipends will be given to those who qualify. Those interested in joining the ACE study should call 437-HSV2 (4782). ▼

Our Man Friday

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classmate asked about his mother and father, the ACLU said in a complaint. Marcus responded he had two mothers because his mother is gay. A teacher told Marcus that "gay" was a "bad word" and sent him to the principal's office. The ACLU is demanding that the school apologize to both the boy and his mother, **Sharon Huff**.

Governor **Arnold Schwarzenegger** just got his ass kicked by the state Legislature, but he apparently still has some of the lawmakers star-struck; a photo appeared last week in the *Sacramento Bee* showing Assemblywoman **Nicole Parra** (D-Hanford) looking dreamily at the guy while he signed an autograph for her. (Damn, like get over it already folks.)

I don't send Christmas cards much anymore, but if you think you've got a problem in that area, pity poor Dubya and **Laura Bush**—they're reportedly sending out 1.5 million of them this season to "friends, personal and political."

Speaking of the prez, turns out that beautiful Thanksgiving turkey that Dubya was carrying out to the troops during his recent trip to Baghdad was a fake—strictly for the photo op. Democratic presidential candidate **Howard**

Dean on the scenario: "That's not the only fake turkey in this administration." Oh, sure, many of us likely got a bit teary-eyed watching the commander in chief addressing the homesick troops, reminiscent, of course, of Bush's now-infamous landing on the U.S. aircraft carrier *Abraham Lincoln*. But when he has to sneak into Iraq under the dark of the night, I think it speaks volumes about the president's popularity among the 25 million people in that country that he and **Donald Rumsfeld** recently "liberated."

And finally, former Massachusetts Governor **William Weld** (R) said last week that he backs the Supreme Judicial Court's gay marriage ruling and might officiate at a same-sex wedding when the ruling goes into effect next year. Weld, a popular Republican who has long pushed his party to embrace gay rights, told the *Boston Globe* he'd need a special license to perform such a ceremony from current Governor **Mitt Romney**, a Republican, and staunch Mormon who strongly opposes gay marriage.

As I send this to my editor they are still counting the final ballots at City Hall—**Gavin Newsom** or **Matt Gonzalez**? **Kamala Harris** or **Terence Hallinan**? You did vote, didn't you? Whoever wins, we're all gonna be fine, and this is still the greatest city in America.

And how was your week? ▼

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Dennis loved sports above all else (anything with a ball in it). The Giants and the 49ers ruled with him, win or lose.

Dennis, you enriched my life in ways that words can never articulate, so many memories resonate with me: opening day at the ballpark; Super Bowl parties; holiday dinners with you and Doug; that St. Patrick's Day when you and I hit the bars and got gloriously bleaped up.

Sleep well, beloved friend. Please wait for me in the white light at the end of the tunnel.

Steven Darnley



Steven Darnley, 38, long-time resident of San Francisco, passed away suddenly due to a short illness at Saint Francis Hospital. Surrounded by several friends and family, he will be greatly missed.

Steven played on the Gay Softball League for the past two seasons.

Steven's service will be at St. Luke's Episcopal Church at Van Ness & Clay on Friday, December 12. Visitation is at 5 p.m. and the funeral is at 6 p.m. St. Luke's telephone number is 415-673-7327.

A special web site has been set up for Steven at: www.geocities.com/walker-mandre/CatsAndDogs.html

Pat Haverstock

Pat Haverstock, loving friend to many and mother to kitties Sonny boy and Honey Girl, died peacefully in her sleep on November 3, 2003, after a valiant battle with melanoma.

God bless you forever, Darling Girlfriend.

Contact: Kathy (415-552-9237).

Allyne Butcher

Allyne Butcher, a long-time resident of San Francisco, passed away November 16 after a long illness.

Allyne was born in Seattle, Washington, but happily spent most of his adult life in the city he so loved, San Francisco. A tireless supporter of human rights, Allyne spent a lifetime fighting for those whose voices could not be heard. He volunteered much of his time to AIDS victims, the homeless, Gay rights, labor struggles, and the Arts. His impact was impressive and will surely be missed.

One of 13 children born to Alger Butcher and Pauline Sparks, he is survived by his sisters, Cathay Tooley and Apryle LeFevres, 42 nieces and nephews, 13 grand nieces and nephews, and his two San Francisco godsons, Max and Adam Norton.

Allyne was a political voice heard many times not just in the Bay Area but in Washington, D.C. His voice and heart may be stilled, but will never be forgotten.

If you care to make a donation in his memory, please send it to: The Continuum, care of Ann Holmes, 255 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, CA 94102; phone 437-2900. Or give to anyone in need.

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It took three full years before I started to live again, but there will always be a dead spot in my heart with the memory of the ten years we were together.

Eternal love,
J.K.

Roy Anthony Reyes

Pioneering transgender activist Roberta 'Bobbie' Dunne dies

by Cynthia Laird

Transgender community leader Roberta Frances Dunne died Sunday, November 16 at a hospital in Reno, Nevada. She was 58.

Ms. Dunne died from complications brought about by leukemia, her friends said.

A Peninsula native, Ms. Dunne, or "Bobbie," as she was known by many of her friends, grew up not far from Stanford University. A proud and accomplished metal worker with local union 104, Ms. Dunne was often the lead person for the construction of many manufacturing and testing facilities for Silicon Valley businesses.

Ms. Dunne moved to San Francisco in 1992 to begin her transition, which is what got her involved in local transgender issues. During her transition, she struggled against harsh discrimination at work, which she documented in her "New Woman" column for the then-ETVC newsletter (ETVC, or the Educational TV Channel, is now known as Transgender San Francisco). Her experiences led her to work with the San Francisco Human Rights Commission, recalled Larry Brinkin, senior contract compliance officer with HRC.

"Bobbie worked with the HRC



Roberta "Bobbie" Dunne

in 1993-94 when we were first looking at the issue of discrimination against transgenders," Brinkin told the *Bay Area Reporter* last week.

Ms. Dunne was a member of the HRC task force that helped put together the first public hearing on transgender discrimination, which was held in 1994. That hearing led to recommendations for the city, including one that a gender identity law be passed.

"Early on in the struggle to protest transgender discrimination, she was a pioneer," Brinkin said. "She was a sheet metal worker on the Peninsula and when she transitioned on the job, she faced

major discrimination and she testified about that at the hearing."

Ms. Dunne also served as vice president of the San Francisco Pride executive committee from 1995-97, through which she developed strong ties with many in the greater LGBT community.

Away from her work, Ms. Dunne enjoyed doting on her two cats, traveling, cooking, building computer systems, and attending the symphony with her dear friend, Jim Gong. After retiring from metal work, she briefly worked for the San Mateo Community College District, upgrading and maintaining their computer database. She spent the last two years of her life at a home she purchased in Fallon, Nevada.

A self-identified "stoic individualist," she did not believe in giving people handouts, but did believe in giving them a hand-up. Friends said that she generously shared her skills and knowledge with others who were willing to learn or work as hard as she did. Her irreverent sense of humor, far from being politically correct, served her well during her many struggles, and was quite infectious.

Ms. Dunne is survived by her sister and two brothers, her adult son, and several friends who will not forget her.

A celebration of her life is being planned for early next spring. ▽

Ron Hill

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court, but has yet to collect any money.

Hill's attorney, Deputy Public Defender Peter Fitzpatrick, acknowledged that Hill's behavior was "reckless," but also insisted that it did not merit specific intent to infect another person. He compared Hill's relationships to those of heterosexuals who engage in unprotected sex, stating that if a woman becomes pregnant, "We don't turn to the man and say, 'You tried to impregnate

her."

"The statutes are very clear," said Fitzpatrick, "about what constitutes malicious intent."

Hill, who is reportedly very ill from AIDS-related complications, was not at Tuesday's hearing.

At press time it had not yet been determined whether the district attorney would refile the case or appeal Tsenin's ruling, but Fitzpatrick told the *Bay Area Reporter* that if the case should return to the grand jury, he planned to present all the exculpatory evidence, including reportedly inconsistent statements made by one of the alleged victims.

Barge said he did not know whether the case would be refiled or whether Tsenin's ruling would be appealed.

"I believe that, especially when you have two separate victims, with identical Internet solicitation and identical conduct, I do believe he intended to infect," Barge said. "I believe the jury should have been allowed to consider the question."

Fitzpatrick said he felt the ruling was fair.

"My client is dying of AIDS," he said. "He is very happy not to be a criminal defendant at this stage in his life." ▽

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War of the rings

by Jim Provenzano

The learned elders sat in a circle, telling tales of woe and rancor. The rings had almost been stolen, and the fate of a people undecided.

No, the circle of concerned citizens was not the Council of Elrond, but merely local athletes hearing of the arduous events that transpired in Chicago last month at the Federation of Gay Games annual meeting.

The quarterly Team San Francisco meeting, where three new board members were elected, focused more on the fallout over the failed negotiations between the federation and Montreal 2006.

My comparison is certainly exaggerated, and while no one in Montreal should be compared to an orc, there is a sense of betrayal worthy of Saruman spreading through the land.

To quote the extensive response to the ordeal posted on www.gaygames.com, "Montreal 2006 has several full-time employees who, it appears, have recently worked virtually around the clock managing an extensive negative media campaign against the federation."

Calling it not so much a legal problem, but "a moral problem," federation delegate John Ascher explained that the fate of the federation itself would be at stake if it allowed Montreal to host the Games unsupervised.

The last debate

Words like "betrayal," and "hoodwinked" came from even the most stolid FGG delegates like Derek Liecty, who has presided at over a dozen annual federation meetings.

Some even suggested that Montreal hedged on each of the 14 versions of the Games contract, because toward the end, they had no intention of agreeing under any circumstances.

How it all transpired has been previously reported. The main debate was over "control," which Montreal claimed, versus "accountability," which the federation wanted.

Any previous participant would voice concern over making sure the same economic fate doesn't befall another Games, yet Montreal refused to allow any

oversight at all.

Federation negotiators said they offered multiple revisions to the contract, which extended flexibility to registration limits, but that they simply wanted to know how the money would be spent, "not dictate each signed check," said Team SF's Ross Hayduk.

Federation reps like former co-president Gene Dermody said they were "acting in good faith," and through that, they gave Montreal's board the extensive Red Book, which clarifies how to run sports events.

The black gate opens

Armed with that definitive guide, Montreal will use it to stage their own games, but with no experience in doing so, and the bravado of promising "the best ever" in a world hampered by global economic disarray, and a city unproven in producing a manageable large-scale sports event.

To quote Montreal 2006's own promotions, "There hasn't been anything like it in Montreal since the 1976 Olympic Games!"

Like Middle Earth's Osgiliath, that event left the city in financial ruin for decades. According to its last plan, unless Montreal can accommodate 16,000 participants at a profit, it, too, will go bankrupt. No Gay Games or even Olympic event has ever had that many participants.

The talk of image branding, logos, and licenses may seem petty to outsiders. These were cited as concerns of the federation.

But think of the importance. Montreal's board, increasingly swayed by tourism representatives, refused to agree to let the owners of the Games logo, a series of interconnected blue rings, have a say in how that logo would be used.

By allowing them unsupervised use, Montreal could distort the history of the Games into whatever crass product they wanted; Gay Games sex toys, Gay Games jock straps, Gay Games Billy dolls, and other less salient products that belittle the reputation of what this whole thing is supposed to be about: sports.

What if Montreal sold products made by homophobic companies, or overseas firms employing child labor?

Another recurring problem is that of plain economics, which threaten to damage gay businesses. Several gay firms who signed on to Sydney's Games went bankrupt, while the tour groups made their money and pulled away.

Many partings

Even before the final hours, Montreal 2006 press releases flew fast and furious, over the Internet, and to Sydney 2002 participants from a list which the FGG said was appropriated without permission.

"Montreal painted themselves

as a victim," said Team SF's Hayduk.

A for-profit corporation, less than two years old, which already used the unlicensed event for its own gain, now claims to have a clearer grasp of Tom Waddell's vision than those who actually knew him.

Through this slew of accusations and reports, the venerable federation may have acted like the lumbering Ents of Tolkien lore. Slow to agree among themselves, the 50 voting members of the nonprofit chose not to respond until consensus was reached, and a revised plan considered.

Yet from those meetings, a lengthy yet clear rebuttal has emerged. While not as expansive as *The Silmarillion*, it explains a lot.

Among those plans are a determined focus to present Gay Games VII in 2006, and not allowing the official event to be bulldozed by other entities.

Whether it becomes a case of battling games remains to be seen, but federation reps dismissed a naive query asking if the official Games could simply "move to 2007," thus conceding to Montreal's hoped-for dominance.

"We are not altering our plans," said federation delegate Roger Brigham.

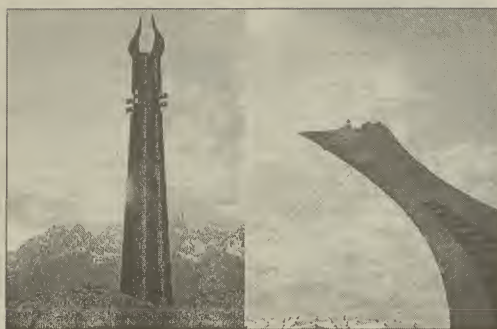
Cities like Berlin and Los Angeles remain interested in bidding to host the 2010 Games. Why should future plans be derailed by Montreal?

The land of shadow

Meanwhile, like Wormtongue banned from Rohan, reps from Montreal will travel to promote their event, and disparage the reputation of the FGG, which has developed and nurtured the Games movement for two decades.

But what does Montreal offer a serious athlete? More Black Parties, which Montreal thinks will pay its bills?

"Athletes don't go to the circuit parties," one San Francisco runner said. "We have to get up in the



The Two Towers, a comparison: Isengard's Orthanc and Montreal's Olympic Stadium.

morning to compete."

Even more cultural festival and Pride piggybacking? Certainly many enjoy a good play or music performance, but at what price? When will arts groups allow a tennis match at their events? Why should athletes lose money for what occurs every other week around the world?

A majority of surveyed participants said they want more focus on athletics, and Montreal's plan never showed proof of providing this.

In fact, it showed the opposite, with proposals for the largest Pride event the city hosts, and unrelated projects, like \$250,000 for a Quebecois cultural booklet.

Montreal claimed up to \$5 million (Canadian) of support, but much of that is in-kind donations: facilities use, train passes, and promotional aide.

But sports officials don't work for free. Referees come from the sports community, not from tourism boards.

Robin Tyler, a gay event promoter who quit the 2000 March on Washington, threw out a flippant accusatory letter to gay newspapers about it all, completely omitting her bias, that of being a seller of gay tour groups to Canada.

Syndicated journalist Rex Wockner, who was among a press junket (that included myself) to 2001's Divers/Cité (Montreal's Pride event), seems to still be clouded by his recent additional

free trip to the city. In an opinion column, he placed his bets on Montreal, and dismissed the federation's potential for recovery.

Like many in the gay press, he was quick to summarize based on the swift yet devious accusations from Montreal. How will this viewpoint effect coverage of both sides?

Homeward bound

Montreal may proceed with its plan of unlimited registration. But will that really lead to an inclusive event, back to back volleyball, bowling, and softball rounds, leaving athletes stuck in venues day and night?

For competitive athletes, the question is simple: do you want to strive for years to win a medal from Rendez-Vous 2006, a corporate entity ruled by a tourism board that may not exist afterward, or instead win a medal from the seventh official Gay Games?

That decision will rest on the various boards of local, national, and international sports groups, over where to really focus on what may be their most important competition in years. Your input should sway that decision, because it will be your sweat, and your dollars, that choose which path to take.

Where do we go from here, Mr. Frodo? ▼

Jim Provenzano is the author of *Monkey Suits* and *PINS*.

Ginkgoes

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Once fully grown, the trees are easily trimmed to allow for visibility of store signage.

Unlike cherry trees, which had been in consideration early on in the process, the ginkgoes do not flower. While residents of the area voiced support for cherry trees, merchants argued against them, citing the flower petals as a problem to clean up.

While Jessica Perez, the city's landscape architect, at first sup-

ported queen palms, she said of the ginkgoes, "I think it is a good choice."

Perez, a Castro resident, added, "They are going to be beautiful. They are going to be slow growing and you will still have the problem with litter. But it is a beautiful leaf. It will be nice."

However, not all the hurdles to sprucing up the streetscape have been overcome. Perez said out of the more than two dozen planting sites, only 12 are in usable spots. The remaining 15 spaces are in yellow zones, areas in which the city usually does not

plant trees.

"I was just out there this morning looking at potential sites. There are a lot of yellow zones out there. We would need permission to plant there," Perez told the *Bay Area Reporter* on Monday, December 8.

In order for the ginkgoes to grace those spots, Perez said the city needs to have approval from the individual property owners. She said she is still deciding what process to use to win permission for the plantings. Once that matter is settled, the plantings can proceed. ▼

Howard Dean

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civil union is not marriage, he nonetheless firmly believes that Dean is the one Democratic candidate who can win next November. Red Wing said that Dean has not said he's against gay marriage.

"Governor Dean has talked about wanting all Americans to have the rights and responsibilities of marriage. He talks about this as a states' rights issue. He supported the Massachusetts decision," she said.

Last month the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled that same-sex couples have the right to be married; it gave the state Legis-

lature 180 days to determine how to carry out its decision.

"I see him taking a journey with the American people," Red Wing added, referring to the period of time it will take for more Americans to support same-sex civil marriage.

Rouse, who worked in Vermont during former President Clinton's re-election campaign in 1996, and who later moved to the state, said that the fight over the civil union law tore communities apart and was a difficult time. Through it all, Rouse added, Dean remained committed to the legislation and also met with those opposed to the law after he signed it.

"In 2000, Vermont was ground zero for our movement," Rouse

said, referring to the civil union law. "I think he understood how difficult the civil union legislation would be. He knew the wounds were deep."

Even today, Rouse said, there are still "Take Back Vermont" signs on barns and in front of houses of those opposed to the civil union law.

Red Wing said she thinks Dean put his career on the line over the issue. Dean was re-elected after signing the law.

Rouse said that many people are impressed with Dean and he credited early support from the gay community as part of Dean's transformation from a virtual unknown to the front-runner.

"This is a movement," Rouse said. ▼

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Send health resource listings to:

Community Health
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Acupuncture

The Community Acupuncture Project offers free acupuncture Wed., 9-11:30am, American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine, 450 Connecticut. 282-9603.

ADD Support Group

Informal support group for gays and lesbians with Attention Deficit Disorder. Call Chuck, 282-7983.

AIDS Community Research Consortium

Conducts HIV and AIDS clinical trials at sites located in San Mateo, Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties. For a free listing of current trials available, call 800 864-ACRC.

AIDS Dementia CARE Unit

At St. Mary's Medical Center seeks volunteers to visit patients with HIV-related cognitive impairments. Call Stephan Ouellette, MSW, 750-4976.

AIDS Emergency Fund

Provides financial assistance to people with disabling HIV. Office volunteers needed for day shifts. Call 558-6999.

AIDS/HIV Nightline

Volunteers needed to provide telephone emotional support, intensive training course provided. 984-1902.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel

Assists persons w/HIV on legal problems, incl. wills, powers of attorney, benefits, more. Free or reduced fee. 291-5454.

AIDS Memorial Grove

Monthly workdays: weeding, clearing, replanting at Bowling Green Dr. and Middle Drive East, Golden Gate Park. Info: 750-8340.

AIDS Project of the East Bay

HIV education & prevention programs, case management, emotional & practical support for people in Alameda Co. 1755 Broadway, 2nd floor, Oakland. (510) 663-7979

AIDS Support Group

Most Holy Redeemer AIDS Support Group provides practical, emotional, and, where desired, spiritual support for persons living with AIDS without regard to religious preference, age, race, gender, sexual preference, or disability. Volunteer training provided. For info or to volunteer, call (415) 863-1581.

AIDS Treatment Education Network

Provides free educational forums for people with HIV/AIDS: holistic healing and survival strategies. 284-6237.

Alternative Family Project

"We Are Family," on-going support group for gay men. Tues. & Thurs., 7pm. Call for no-fee intake. 436-9000.

Alzheimer's Association

Free SF support groups: 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 2-3:30pm. UCSF Mt. Zion Center on Aging, 3600 Geary Blvd. (Also, groups in Spanish, Chinese). Info: 800-660-1393.

ARIS

AIDS resources, information and services of Santa Clara county, drop-in support group meetings. 284-2937-ARIS.

Asians & Leather

Support group for gay Asian men who identify with leather. Info: c/o Pacific Friends, PO Box 641008, or e-mail lchou415@aol.com

Asians & Pacific Islanders with HIV

Weekly support group, activities, retreats, treatment info. API Wellness Center, 292-3400 x336.

Baker Places

Provides housing for people with AIDS who have substance abuse and/or mental health issues. For info or intake call 284-1740.

BAPHR

Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights offers support services to med. students, physicians. 558-9353.

Bay Positives

Provides recreational and emotional support for people up to 26 years old living with HIV. Ongoing support groups meet weekly. 487-1616.

Baylands Family Circle

Nonprofit group of families headed by gay, lesbian and bisexual partners, meets monthly for social. Call Tom, 858-2468.

Bereavement Groups

For family, friends and partners who have lost a loved one to AIDS. Visiting Nurses and Hospice of SF. 750-4404.

Breast Cancer Action

Carries the voices of people affected by breast cancer to inspire and compel the changes necessary to end the breast cancer epidemic. For info, call 243-9301.

Brown Boys

Drop in group for gay/bi Latino men under 25, addressing HIV and other survival issues. Meets every Mon. at 6:30pm. PCPV, 2973 16th St. 864-7278.

Buddhist AIDS Project

Provides info on Buddhist resources, events, and HIV alternative health services. Call 522-7473.

Cad-Pep

Dedicated to providing innovative HIV education, outreach, prevention, case management, HIV/hepatitis/STD testing, and substance abuse counseling in San Francisco and Alameda counties. For more info, contact California HIV Prevention & Education Project at 510-874-7850 or visit them at 405 14th Street in downtown Oakland. All services are free.

Cancer Support Group

Based in San Francisco and offers a caregivers support group, a grief group, and counseling for cancer patients, their friends, and families. For info call Brian at 422-2137.

Catholic Charities

Residential and direct HIV services include Guerrero House, Peter Claver Community, more. 814 Mission. 281-1200.

Center for Special Problems

Groups for people with HIV: Gay's men's spirituality and healing group beginning 9/28; gay men's mid-life group beginning 9/27; heterosexual men's group beginning 9/28. Must call for times and to pre-register. 292-1521.

Chemically Sensitive & HIV

Support group forming for those allergic to perfumes and chemicals. 922-1348.

Clinica Esperanza

The HIV Clinic at Mission Neighborhood Health Center provides comprehensive bilingual HIV services. Sliding scale fees. 431-3212.

Coming out support group for women

Meets Weds., 7:30-9pm at New Leaf, 1853 Market. All women questioning their sexuality welcome. Info: Lynne, 626-7000.

Community United Against Violence

Provides services for LGBT victims of domestic violence and hate crimes. Also needs volunteer counselors on 24-hour crisis line. Call Nhu at 777-5500. For emergency 24-hour crisis line, call 333-HELP.

Congregation Sha'ar Zahav

Gay and lesbian Jewish synagogue. Services every Friday at 8:15pm, 290 Dolores Street at 16th Street. 861-6932.

Connections

Is a confidential, one-on-one peer support focusing on HIV prevention by and for gay men of color. Free. Call 356-8114.

Continuum HIV Day Services

An adult day health care facility for people with disabling HIV disease, located in the Tenderloin. Medical services, counseling, therapy, meals, activities. 241-5500.

Counseling Services for Drinking Drivers

Groups for gay men who are court- or DMV-mandated to attend a multiple offender program. Chemical Awareness & Treatment Services: 241-1187.

Crystal Meth Anonymous

Meets every Wed., 8pm at the Meeting Place, 1874 Market St., 9pm, and Sun., 6pm at 529 Clayton. Hotline: 267-5933.

Davies Med. Center

Free classes for HIV+ people in needpoint (Tues., Wed., exercise, Thurs., stress reduction (Mon.). Castro at Duboce. info: 565-6369.

Deaf AIDS Center

At UCSF Center on Deafness offers services to those with HIV experiencing hearing loss or deafness. Counseling, resources, practical support, interpreting services, and assisting devices on loan. 476-7600 (TTY) or 476-4980 (voice).

Diabetics

Support group for gay, lesbian and bisexual Type 1 and Type II diabetics in SF and the Bay Area. Info: (510) 865-2933.

Dimensions

Comprehensive health, mental health, and substance abuse services for LGBTQ youth ages 12-25 in a safe, supportive environment. Sliding scale based on income. No one is turned away. Every Thursday from 5 to 8pm at 3850 17th Street, at Pond, in the Castro. Drop-in or by appt. Call 487-7589.

Dolores Street Comm. Services

Seeks volunteers to help homeless in shelters and people living with AIDS at the Richard M. Cohen Residence. For info or to volunteer call (415) 282-6209.

Drug Detox Program

Outpatient, medical drug detox, HIV acute care, counseling and education, free. Haight Ashbury Free Clinics, 529 Clayton, Call Hector, 565-1909.

East Bay HIV/AIDS 12 Step Support Group

Ongoing. Open to all with HIV who have experience with any 12 step program. Mon. eves., 6:15pm. Info: Paul (510) 465-4311.

Eden I & R

Information & referral for AIDS/affordable housing. HIV service providers in Alameda Co. (510) 537-2600.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services

Support groups, emotional & practical buddy program, food program and case management for PWAs in San Mateo Co. (650) 572-9702.

Eureka Acupuncture & Yoga Center

Offers yoga, massage, low cost acupuncture. 301 Eureka. 648-2215.

FABRIC

A support/social group for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning Asian and Pacific Islander youth 25+, has drop-in every Tues., 6-8pm. GCHP, 30 Pearl St. 575-9393, x318/x504.

Filipino Task Force on AIDS

Provides prevention, education and direct care services to Filipinos and others affected by HIV/AIDS. 1540 Market, Suite 325. Info: 703-9880.

Full Circle Community Counseling

We offer low-cost services which support, encourage, and challenge people to realize their unlimited potential. Take the step to go beyond the pain of your past to experience the freedom of who you really are. Offices in SF and the East Bay. 255-0100.

Gay Dads

Gather to talk about your kids, lovers, ex's, etc. Joel Wechsler, MFCC. Alternative Family Project. 436-9000.

Gay & Lesbian Asylum Project

Seeks volunteer to coordinate outreach to immigrants with asylum claims based on sexual orientation. Call Aaron Myers, 947-9276.

Gay/Lesbian Christian Scientists

Sharing support, insight, metaphysical science. Meets 2nd Monday of month. Info: Craig, 281-0636.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic

Testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun., 5-7pm. HIV antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun., 5-7pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair accessible. 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Gay Youth Spirit

A new spiritual/social group for gay men in their 20s & 30s, meets alternate Tues., 7:15pm, in SF. Call 703-7181.

G40+ Club

A social group for gay/bi men 40 and over, meets 1st & 3rd Sundays every month, 2pm. Call 552-1997.

Glide-Goodlett HIV/AIDS Project

Free, confidential Orasure HIV antibody testing, Wed. 12-3, 4-8pm. Case management, support groups, AIDS prevention and education. 330 Ellis, Suite 518. 567-2273.

Haight-Ashbury Free Clinics' Drug Detox

Outpatient, medical drug detox, and acute medical care, counseling, and HIV education. Free. Drop in Monday-Friday 11 am to 6 pm at 529 Clayton or call Hector, 565-1908.

Haight-Ashbury Free Medical Clinic

Confidential, free, client-centered HIV testing, provided conveniently in the evening at an accessible location. Test results are not kept on file. 487-5632

Health Support Services

For PWAs and their caregivers, Wednesdays 6-9pm, Marin Treatment Center, 1466 Lincoln Ave., San Rafael. Registration: 457-3755.

Hepatitis B Testing

And vaccinations for young (15-23) gay and bisexual men. Free. Berkeley Free Clinic, 2339 Durant Ave., Berkeley, Sun., 5-7pm. (510) 644-0425.

Hepatitis C Helpline

Peer support for persons afflicted with hep C. Call 834-4100.

HIV Advocacy Network

Grassroots organizing project of SF AIDS Foundation: phone/fax tree action alerts, government lobbying, HIV Policy Watch newsletter. 487-3034.

HIV Employment Rights Project

Legal advice and counseling for people with HIV about their rights in the workplace. Call 593-0035 in the Bay Area and (888) 864-0628 toll-free in California.

HIV/AIDS Risk Reduction Program

Behavior change support group for gay & bi men, focus on speed injection & unsafe sex behaviors. Free. Haight-Ashbury Free Clinic, 1696 Haight. Call Bill or Bonnie, 565-1927.

HIV/AIDS Services at New Leaf

Ongoing support groups, individual and couples counseling, drop-in groups every week. Issues for HIV+ men, men with AIDS, partners and survivors. For information/intake, call Jill, 626-7000 x199. 1853 Market St.

HIV Drop-In Groups

Co-ed for people with HIV, Wed., 8pm. Women with HIV, Tues., 10am. Center for Special Problems, 1700 Jackson. 292-1543.

HIV Group

Weekly group for men with HIV/AIDS. Sixteen Wed. afternoons from 2-3:30pm. Free to SF residents. Meetings at L'Espresso, 1700 Jackson. 292-1534.

HIV Negative Gay Men's Support Group

In the South Bay, meets second and fourth Wed. of each month, 7pm, ARIS, 1550 The Alameda, Suite 100, San Jose. Info: Pat Duffy, (408) 293-2747.

HIV Negative Support Group

For gay and bisexual men offered by AIDS Health Project; free drop-in, time-limited and ongoing support groups. Info: 476-3902.

HIV Nutrition Discussion/Support Group

Ongoing monthly meetings at city clinics, call for info: CARE Program Nutritionists, 554-9121.

HIV Positive Drop-In Group

Free, every Tues., 7pm. MCC-SF, 150 Eureka. 863-4434.

HIV Positive Youth Group

18-25, meets every Wed., 7pm, ARIS, 1550 The Alameda, Suite 100, San Jose. (408) 293-2747.

HIV Sitting Group

Meditation for those with HIV, caregivers, friends. Tues., Thurs., Fri., 10:30am (beginners: 10:20am). Haight St. Zen Center, 57 Hartford. Info: 863-2507.

HIV Testing

Free, anonymous testing, counseling and education. 1st Thursday and 3rd Friday of each month, 10pm-12:30am. 933 Harrison, upstairs.

Home Care Companions

Provides classes on how to care for a loved one living with AIDS or cancer. For next class sessions, info, call 824-3269.

Housing and Client Assistance Program for PWAs

Provides emergency housing and financial help to residents of San Mateo Co. Mental Health Assn. of San Mateo Co. 868-9989.

Immune Enhancement Project

Tests persons with HIV-related illness using a program of traditional Chinese medicine and herbal supplements. Info: 252-8711.

Iris Center

Women's counseling and recovery services for women with HIV, no/low fee. 333 Valencia St. Info: 864-2364.

Instituto Laboral de la Raza

Helps low income and unemployed workers with labor issues, union organizing, family support. 431-7522.

Laguna Honda Hospital AIDS Unit

Provides compassionate care to PWAs who are SF residents in need of 24-hour nursing care. Call 664-1580.

Lesbian Social Group

For lesbians and bisexual women in Tri-Cities/So. Alameda Co. Thurs., 7pm at The Edge, 39160 Suite, Fremont. (510) 790-2887.

Lesbian Support Groups

On mental health issues: peer counseling, support and referrals for SF residents. Call Connie, 552-0788.

Lesbians with Cancer

12 week psycho-social support group at the Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market. Classes are offered on a sliding scale basis. Call 565-7672 x370 to register.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Center

Quality, affordable, non-judgmental medical care to women by women, special outreach to lesbian and bisexual women. 1748 Market St. 565-7667.

The Mark Pope Career Counseling Center

A nonprofit career counseling agency serving the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities of the Bay Area. 760 Market St., Suite 962. 296-8024.

Martin De Porres House of Hospitality

Needs volunteers to work in soup kitchen, breakfast and lunch. 225 Potrero. 552-0240.

Meditation Sessions

For caregivers, people with HIV, significant others. Free. Tues., Thurs., Fri. at 10:15am. Hartford St. Zen Center, 57 Hartford. 863-2507.

Men Overcoming Sexual Assault

Operates sexual assault hotline for men. Mon.-Fri., 7-10pm. (510) 843-7273.

Men's Circle

Despite the painful and distressing events in your past, you can move beyond these experiences and learn to reconnect with others and with living fully and freely again. Come and join other gay/bi men on this journey to freedom. Full Circle Community Counseling. Low fees/free initial intake. 255-0100.

Most Holy Redeemer

AIDS support group. Seeking volunteers to provide in-home practical and emotional support to PWAs. For information and application, call 863-1581.

Mothers Organizing Mothers

Working to change public attitudes and policies on AIDS. Meets 2nd Wed. of every month, 7pm. Call 922-4639 or 221-6651 for information.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO FILE NO. CASE #540720

In the Matter of the Application of Yisrael Ben Avraham For change of Gender. The application of Application of Yisrael Ben Avraham for change of gender from female to male, having been filed in Court, and it appearing from said application that Yisrael Ben Avraham has filed an application proposing that his/her gender be changed from female to male. Now therefore, it is hereby ordered and directed, that all persons interested in said matter do appear before this Court in Room 218 on the 20th day of January, 2004, at 9:00 am of said day to show cause why the application for gender change (female to male) should not be granted.
DEC. 11, 18, 25, JAN 1, 2003

STATEMENT FILE A-0271345-00

The following person(s) are doing business as: The Rip Tide, 3639 Taraval Street, San Francisco, Ca. 94117. This business is general partnership signed David Quinby. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on NA. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 11/10/2003.
DEC. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2003

STATEMENT FILE A-0271696-00

The following person(s) are doing business as: Mike's Urban Garden, 375 Guerrero Street Apt. 2, San Francisco, Ca. 94103. This business is conducted by an individual, signed Michael B. Collins. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on NA. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, Ca. on 11/25/2003.
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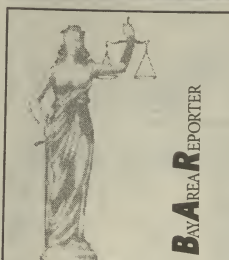
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BAY AREA REPORTER

LEGAL NOTICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - BOND COUNSEL SERVICES
 The San Francisco Housing Authority is soliciting Proposals from law firms experienced in advising public housing authorities on multifamily revenue and Capital Fund bonds to provide as-needed Bond Counsel Services.

Proposals are due by 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 23, 2003. The RFP document may be obtained by e-mail from Carolina.Pentec@sfha.org, 415-715-3210, or download at <http://www.ci.sfga.us/sfha/prcmtnt/current.htm>.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS - INVESTMENT BANKING SERVICES
 The San Francisco Housing Authority is soliciting Proposals from investment banking firms interested in providing underwriting and, if necessary, remarketing agent services for potential HOPE VI and Capital Fund transactions.

Proposals are due by 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, December 23, 2003. The RFP document may be obtained by e-mail from Brenda.Moore@sfha.org, 415-715-3210, or download at <http://www.ci.sfga.us/sfha/prcmtnt/current.htm>.

THE SAN FRANCISCO CITY CLINIC
 City Clinic provides free or low cost, confidential, comprehensive sexually transmitted disease diagnostic and treatment services for anyone 12 years of age or older. The Clinic is located at 356 7th Street, between Folsom and Harrison Streets, and is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m., and Thursday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The telephone number is (415) 487-5500.

BLACK INFANT HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
 The Black Infant Health Improvement Program (Bi-Hip) is a free program that provides supportive services to pregnant and parenting African American women with children up to 2 years of age. If you or someone you know is a woman that needs help finding a doctor, getting to appointments, connecting to community resources, preparing for a new baby, or just someone to talk to, please call Bi-Hip at (415) 671-0214.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW)
 DPW invites you to join the Adopt-A-Street Program! Adopt-A-Street is a partnership between the City and its merchants and residents. The program is simple: groups or individuals agree to adopt a street or an area and take responsibility for keeping it clean.

When you sign up for the program, you will receive some supplies, such as a broom, trash bags, and gloves from the DPW to fulfill your obligation. Additionally, the Department can provide you with graffiti removal supplies and/or matching paint to remove the graffiti in your neighborhood.

The Adopt-A-Street Program creates a cleaner more pleasant environment for everyone who lives, works and shops in adopted areas. The program strengthens community ties as neighbors and merchants work together to keep San Francisco clean. For more information, please call us at (415) 98-ADOPT or visit our Department of Public Works website at sfidpw.com. Together we can improve the cleanliness and therefore quality of life in San Francisco!

MAYOR'S OFFICE OF HOUSING
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO FILE NO. CNC 03-541087
 In the Matter of the Application of Brian Lee Mavrogeorge for Change of Name. The application of Brian Lee Mavrogeorge for change of name, having been filed in Court, and it appearing from said application that Brian Lee Mavrogeorge has filed an application proposing that his/her name be changed to Brian Lee Bonner. Now therefore, it is hereby ordered and directed, that all persons interested in said matter do appear before this Court in Department 218 on the 10th day of February, 2004 at 9:00am, of said day to show cause why the application for change of name should not be granted.
DEC. 11, 18, 25, JAN 1, 2003

STATEMENT FILE A-0271360-00
 The following person(s) are doing business as: Sunset Psych 1417 9th Avenue San Francisco, CA 94122. This business is conducted by an individual signed Rose Johnson. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on 8/08/93. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, CA on 11/12/03.
DEC. 11, 18, 25, JAN 1, 2003

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO FILE NO. CNC 03-541083
 In the Matter of the Application of Emilio Stefano Prieto for Change of Name. The application of Emilio Stefano Prieto for change of name, having been filed in Court, and it appearing from said application that Emilio Stefano Prieto has filed an application proposing that his/her name be changed to Emilio Stefano Prieto Torres. Now therefore, it is hereby ordered and directed, that all persons interested in said matter do appear before this Court in Department 218 on the 27th day of January, 2004 at 9:00am, of said day to show cause why the application for change of name should not be granted.
DEC. 11, 18, 25, JAN 1, 2003

STATEMENT FILE A-0271814-00
 The following person(s) are doing business as: J. Wavro Associates 1847 Lombard Street, San Francisco, CA 94123. This business is conducted by an individual signed James Wavro. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on 12/01/03. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, CA on 12/02/03.
DEC. 11, 18, 25, JAN 1, 2003

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO FILE NO. CNC 03-541070
 In the Matter of the Application of Shora Miller for Change of Name. The application of Shora Miller for change of name, having been filed in Court, and it appearing from said application that Shora Miller has filed an application proposing that his/her name be changed to Shornora Miller. Now therefore, it is hereby ordered and directed, that all persons interested in said matter do appear before this Court in Department 218 on the 27th day of January, 2004 at 9:00am, of said day to show cause why the application for change of name should not be granted.
DEC. 11, 18, 25, JAN 1, 2003

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO FILE NO. CNC 03-541025
 In the Matter of the Application of Douglas Taylor Rothstein for Change of Name. The application of Douglas Taylor Rothstein for change of name, having been filed in Court, and it appearing from said application that Douglas Taylor Rothstein has filed an application proposing that his/her name be changed to Douglas Taylor Kadle. Now therefore, it is hereby ordered and directed, that all persons interested in said matter do appear before this Court in Department 218 on the 29th day of January, 2004 at 9:00am, of said day to show cause why the application for change of name should not be granted.
DEC. 11, 18, 25, JAN 1, 2003

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO FILE NO. CNC 03-541025
 In the Matter of the Application of Shannon Minter for Change of Name and change of Gender. The application of Shannon Minter for change of name and change of gender, having been filed in Court, and it appearing from said application that Shannon Minter has filed an application proposing that his/her name be changed to Shannon Price. Minter and his/her gender be changed from female to male. Now therefore, it is hereby ordered and directed, that all persons interested in said matter do appear before this Court in Department 218 on the 13th day of January, 2004 at 9:00am, of said day to show cause why the application for change of name should not be granted.
DEC. 11, 18, 25, JAN 1, 2003

STATEMENT FILE 0271567-00
 The following person(s) are doing business as: Treasure Island Mini Mart & Deli, Building #363, Ninth Street, Treasure Island, San Francisco, CA 94130. This business is conducted by an individual, signed George Vazhappally. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on 11/19/03. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, CA on 11/19/03.
NOV. 27, DEC. 4, 11, 18, 2003

STATEMENT FILE A-0271557-00
 The following person(s) are doing business as: Conscious Chiropractic and Acupuncture, Conscious Chiropractic, 220 Montgomery Street, Suite 305 San Francisco, CA 94104. This business is conducted by an individual, signed Victoria Ryzelman. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on NA. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, CA on 11/19/2003.
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STATEMENT FILE A-0271533-00
 The following person(s) are doing business as: ICHATTERS.COM, 203 Noe Street, San Francisco, CA 94114. This business is conducted by an individual, signed Jeffrey M. Glover. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on 11/18/03. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, CA on 11/18/2003.
NOV. 27, DEC. 4, 11, 18, 2003

STATEMENT FILE A-0271551-00
 The following person(s) are doing business as: Blum Inc. 39 Mesa Street, #204, San Francisco, CA 94129. This business is conducted by a corporation, signed Lawrence Blum. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on NA. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, CA on 11/19/2003.
NOV. 27, DEC. 4, 11, 18, 2003

STATEMENT FILE A-0271760-00
 The following person(s) are doing business as: Westwood, 236 West Portal #334 San Francisco, CA 94127. This business is conducted by an individual, signed Mark Balistreri. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on NA. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, CA on 12/01/2003.
DEC. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2003

STATEMENT FILE A-0271667-00
 The following person(s) are doing business as: Linda Jewelry, 121 O'Farrell Street San Francisco, CA 94102. This business is conducted by an individual signed Demin Li. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on 11/24/03. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, CA on 11/24/2003.
DEC. 11, 18, 25, JAN 01, 2003

STATEMENT FILE A-0271739-00
 The following person(s) are doing business as: Universal Biologics, Global, Inc. 2 J Line, Inc., 1006 Sutter Street, San Francisco, CA 94109. This business is conducted by a corporation signed Kathie Wong. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the above listed fictitious business name or names on NA. The statement was filed with the City and County of San Francisco, CA on 11/26/2003.
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Homo love in time of war

Learn the back-story to Israeli film *'Yossi & Jagger'*

by David Lamble

Just before setting out on a fateful patrol in which several of their buddies will be killed or wounded, a squadron of Israeli soldiers is joking about the dangerous tedium of guarding their country's contested border with Lebanon. Eating army food in the mess for months on end produces memories of restaurants with effeminate waiters in Tel Aviv. Soon the word faggot is flying around the mess table. Suddenly a young soldier, whose nickname is Jagger in tribute to his pop-star boyish looks, takes exception to the fag-joke banter.

"Say, Psycho, what would you do if I told you I was a faggot?"

"May I be frank, sir?"

"Go ahead."

"Sir, you're as pretty as a girl. We'd all want to fuck you."

After a long pause, Jagger's face breaks into a smile, and he locks Psycho in a playful bearhug as a wave of laughter circles the table.

Israeli filmmaker Gal Uchovsky says this is his favorite light moment in *Yossi & Jagger*, a new film about a male love affair in the Israeli Army he produced with his life partner, director Eytan Fox. Loosely based on an actual story that took place more than 20 years ago, the film begins with Yossi and Jagger gleefully fornicating in the snowbound hills of the Golan Heights. Yossi tosses a snowball to scare off a nosy rabbit; Jagger finds his favorite pop song on a small transistor radio. Life is momentarily sweet. Uchovsky jokes, "Don't come late, or you'll miss the hot scene."

Uchovsky, whose day-old beard contrasts with his cleanly shaven skull, chuckles as he recalls the odd reactions the film has drawn from some American audiences. "We showed this movie to a group of American activists who came to Israel, and somebody asked, 'Would you say that Yossi's a top and Jagger is a bottom?' You Americans, your thinking is so banal. Why would you assume because Jagger is a little more playful and a little funnier, he would be the bottom?"

Uchovsky, a youthful 44, jokes about his own term of military service having taken place "in the 19th century," conceding that in the closeted days of the '70s, gay affairs in the military were pretty clandestine. It's a period captured in Fox's earlier short film, *Time Off*, in which a liaison between an officer and an enlisted man occurs around the company latrine.

Uchovsky says that in Israel, *Yossi & Jagger*, opening Friday, is viewed

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Ohad Knoller (Yossi) and Yehuda Levi (Jagger) in Gal Uchovsky and Eytan Fox's *Yossi & Jagger*



Ted Chapin with director Hal Prince during the original production of *Follies*

He was there at the creation

Ted Chapin on the making of *'Follies'*

by Richard Dodds

Follies is a case of rewards coming from failure. The 1971 musical had a disappointing run, lost its entire investment, and saw the recording of its extraordinary Stephen Sondheim score mangled. But the urge to redress these wrongs has prompted two new complete-score recordings, prestige revivals, and the ongoing hunger that is born of a mystique that initial success might have dampened.

A major new example is a book that tells the story of the making of *Follies*, not from its creators' points of view or from scholarly research, but through the wide eyes of a 20-year-old college student. Ted Chapin took notes on everything he saw and heard, got college credits for his report on the experience, while providing the show with an unpaid production assistant whose duties ranged from squiring Yvonne De Carlo around town to typing out the first set of lyrics to "I'm Still Here."

Chapin, now president of the Rodgers and Hammerstein Organization, valued his experience and was grateful that he didn't choose to chronicle any of the other musi-

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TELEVISION

Transcendent angels

HBO's 'Angels in America' continues

by Tavo Amador

Can a community withstand decimation of its members and emerge stronger? Tony Kushner's answer in Part II of his *Angels in America*, *Perestroika*, is an emphatic "Yes!" Yet survival comes at a terrible price, so those who died must be respected and honored.

Part II begins with Prior's (Justin Kirk) ex-lover Louis (Ben Shankmen) seducing the previously closeted Mormon, Joe (Patrick Wilson), in an inexplicit yet intensely erotic scene. The camera cuts to Prior, home alone. He has once again dreamt of the Angel (Emma Thompson) and complains to his best friend, a nurse, Belize (Jeffrey Wright), that he "slept through the first climax [he's] had in months."

Belize is working when a doctor (James Cromwell) admits an important person to the AIDS ward — the despicable, powerful, self-loathing attorney, Roy Cohn (a dazzling Al Pacino). Meanwhile, Joe's wife, Harper (Mary Louise Parker), wonders why she isn't dead. "When your heart breaks, you should die." She lives in an uneasy arrangement with Joe's estranged mother, Hannah (Meryl Streep).

After attending a spectacular memorial service for a "great glitter queen" dead from AIDS, Prior tells the skeptical Belize that the Angel is real and he's the Prophet. The Angel's demands are frightening: the androgynous creature is furious that Prior hasn't unearthed the "sacred book." The Angel has sex with him, giving him the greatest orgasm of his life, leaving him more confused than ever.

In spectacular fashion, the Angel gives the sacred text to Prior and explains that God grew tired of angels, creating humans, which fascinated him to the exclusion of all else. Then, on the day of the 1906 San Francisco Earthquake, God abandoned the universe. Desperate, the powerful, unimaginative Angels want Prior to lead the universe back to where it was before God left.

Tart attack

The film, magnificently directed by Mike Nichols, majestically combines the real and surreal. Kushner's adaptation for this HBO production keeps the play's surprises and humor. When Prior berates Hannah for being Mormon, she replies tartly, "You make no assumptions about me, mister, and I won't make any about you." When he collapses, she takes him to the hospital and spends the



Emma Thompson, as the Angel, blows Prior's mind in *Perestroika*.

night.

Cohn is in the same hospital, fighting disbarment and disease. Ethel Rosenberg's ghost (a funny, caustic Streep) gleefully tells him he can no longer practice law. She has waited to avenge her wrongful execution instigated by him years earlier. Yet, in a memorable scene, she finally forgives him. But Cohn cannot accept forgiveness, which makes him all the more pitiful.

Cohn's death allows Belize to steal precious supplies of AZT, which Louis smuggles out of the hospital, but only after Louis recites the Hebrew prayer of the dead, the Kaddish, for Cohn. Even Cohn is due respect as a casualty in war.

Prior ascends to heaven, but rejects being a Prophet. Life can only go forward, not backward. If anyone is unforgivable, it's God, who, by abandoning his creatures, unleashed all the horrors of the 20th century, AIDS being the most recent and the most unexpected.

Meanwhile, Louis confronts Joe about his friendship with Cohn, which leads to a dreadful fight. Harper leaves Joe, but he and Hannah move towards mutual tolerance. Prior and Louis reconcile, yet don't resume their lives together; they cannot go back, either.

The story ends in 1990, with Prior, Belize, Louis, and Hannah in Manhattan's Central Park, by the Bethesda Fountain, its significance explained by Louis. Prior

has lived with AIDS for five years, "six months longer than [he] lived with Louis." His survival gives him hope and determination. As the true Millennium approaches, Prior says, "The great work begins." What work? The work of liberation. Gay liberation may have symbolically begun with Stonewall, but it coalesced when AIDS dragged everyone — our entire community — from the closet. No more fear-filled lives. No more shameful deaths. As the first generation of the disease's victims lay dying, parents, siblings, all who loved them, confronted both mortality and sexuality. For most, the latter became irrelevant. It didn't make their lives less precious, their deaths less painful.

AIDS' victims had greatness thrust upon them. Their fight helped free us all, healthy or ill. On its endless graves unimaginable gains — social, legal, and political — have blossomed. The struggle is far from over, but the community's victory is assured. We won't go back into the closet. Kushner's extraordinary work melds humanity, politics, and religion into a cohesive, deeply affecting story, perfectly realized in this extraordinary production, which transcends the limits of television and deserves to be seen on movie screens. ▼

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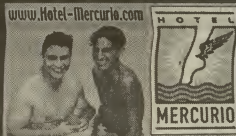
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Small-town charmers

Fellini's 'I Vitelloni' at the Castro Theatre

by David Lamble

I Vitelloni is the film that made Fellini Fellini, a film whose producer was so uncertain of its commercial prospects that he locked himself in a bathroom and refused to write the checks that would let the cameras roll, a film with five male stars and three cinematographers. It's a savage satire on small-town Italian life that was so close to the bone that Fellini resisted filming it in the small town he had so recently escaped, lest he embarrass its sober citizens, his one-time friends, models for the loafers of the title.

The *Vitelloni* — big, overgrown babies who refuse to leave home, who live off spare change borrowed from their gainfully employed sisters, who infuriate their aging Papas, and for whom every night is Saturday night — are the charming if pathetically obvious womanizer Fausto (Franco Fabrizi); the would-be playwright Leopoldo (Leopoldo Trieste); the sweetly effeminate Mama's boy Alberto (Alberto Sordi), whose cross is his older sister's flagrant affair with a married man, Riccardo (Riccardo Fellini); the singer of the group; and, finally and most ambiguously, Moraldo (Franco Interlenghi), the daydreaming younger man who Fellini conceded was the character most closely modeled on himself. These characters, as suggested in several cases by the actors' retention of their own first names, are small-town types, instantly recognizable in 1953 Italy as the social byproduct of the death of Fascism, the rise of an industrial Italy, and the yet-to-be-seen birth of the big-city sweet life Fellini would immortalize in *La Dolce Vita*.

Winner of the 1953 Miss Mer-



Alberto Sordi (Alberto) dances with an unidentified pal in 1953 Italy.

maid contest Sandra (Leonora Ruffo) discovers that her prize is the dubious honor of being pregnant by Fausto, whose impulse is to catch the first train out of town. His furious father bars the door and makes him marry Sandra; shock waves are soon felt around town. Fausto is congenitally unfaithful. Taking Sandra to the movies, he can't resist flirting with the married woman in the next seat. His job at a religious trinkets shop goes up in flames when he starts coming on to the boss' very proper wife, with farcical consequences that kick-start what there is of a plot.

The pleasures of *I Vitelloni* lie not in what happens, but in the preposterous joy of watching characters fall into their own traps. Leopoldo's hilariously bad play is pitched to Natali, whom Achille Majeroni plays as an over-the-top queen whose principal subtext is the seduction of Leopoldo. The obviously gay face

is joined by a much subtler romantic friendship that develops between Moraldo and a young railroad worker barely into his teens (Guido Martufi). Nothing overt takes place in their three scenes together, yet in some ways these moonlight conversations around the town fountain, just before the boy reports for his 3 a.m. shift at the train station, are at the heart of Fellini's message that one must live one's dreams. Disgusted at the fiasco Fausto has made of his marriage to Sandra and inspired somehow by the boy's innocent zest for life, Moraldo boards the train Fausto wanted to be on. The scene is sweetened by the boy's impassioned goodbye, running down the tracks as if his own future lay there, too.

A huge hit in Italy in '53, released just before *La Strada* (which garnered Fellini his first Oscar), *I Vitelloni* comes gloriously alive in a newly restored b&w print at the Castro, Dec. 12-18. ▼

Yossi & Jagger

◀ Arts cover

as somewhat more than a gay movie because of its wider social context: the plight of draft-age Israelis of both genders serving in military operations which they don't necessarily support. "A lot of the funny reactions we got in Israel were from these very straight, conservative guys who said, 'You know, by the end of the movie, I forgot that they're gay. They were so nice I kind of fell for them.' Because of the army context, which is this holy, sacred thing in Israel, and because you're talking gays in the military, and because the Israeli audience really likes the characters, the very conservative [audience members] couldn't really say anything about them being gay. Because it was almost about themselves."

Yossi & Jagger was made when funding for a larger film Uchovsky and Fox were planning fell through. To fill the hole in their schedule, they contacted screenwriter Avner Bernheimer, who had long been bugging them to tell this story based on the experience of an Israeli soldier during the 1982 war in Lebanon.

"He had a boyfriend in the platoon who was what we call in Hebrew 'a lonely soldier.' His family lived in France or someplace, and he came to Israel as a Jew to do the Army. They were lovers, and nobody knew. When he died, the Army came the same day, took the



Knoller & Levi are Yossi & Jagger.

body, flew it to France. For years, he couldn't mourn, he couldn't share it with anybody. He never met the guy's family. The family never knew he had this affair.

"The reason for the movie was the closing scene, where you have to face the secret. But I don't think most people who see the movie know this. Now it's a movie about the love story of these two soldiers, in the context of Army life."

Uchovsky adds that the film is more timely than if they had kept it set in the past. "The Army is a melting pot of Israeli society, because service is mandatory. So you get a good picture of Israelis, circa 2003."

The producer, whose Israeli career has included not only being out as gay, but being an outspoken columnist, rock critic and TV host

espousing the "peacenik" or left-wing side of society, notes that while it has been legal for gays to serve in Army openly since 1985, it can take decades for social mores to catch up to changes in the law. He says mainstream Israelis find it more comfortable to be out than effeminate or marginal persons. There is a live-and-let-live side to Israeli society that makes less likely overt gay-bashing or the making of martyrs like Matthew Shepard or Private Barry Winchell.

With *Yossi & Jagger* in commercial release, Uchovsky and Fox are back to making their long-delayed feature, *Walking on Water*, shooting in both Israel and Germany.

"It's a movie about an Israeli secret service agent who's a second-generation Holocaust survivor. He's running after this German brother and sister who are the third generation of a famous Nazi. The Israeli guy's straight, and the German guy's gay. The German comes to Israel, meets a Palestinian, and falls in love with him. It's a big movie, about everything. For this reason, it's very hard to finance. Two years ago, there was this very sad day when we got a rejection from another fund. So I said to Eytan, 'Look, it's going to take a year-and-a-half more to finance this. You're free.'"

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UStickEm's 'Streetcar Named Desire'

by Richard Dodds

If your motto is "turnabout is fair play," and that turnabout is a chance for female performers to challenge themselves with famous male roles, then Stanley Kowalski must be at the top of the list. He is a character distinctly lacking in a feminine side.

UStickEm Productions is presenting *A Streetcar Named Desire* in the Rhino Studio with women in both male and female roles, an experiment first tried last year with Sam Shepard's *Fool for Love*. Beyond the widened acting opportunities that the device provides, there is also the chance for gender statement. Yet the more that audiences can forget that these are women in male roles — a success for the concept — the less its effect on alternative appreciations of the play.

The play itself, somewhat abridged and despite some careless moves, holds up well in directors Meg Murphy and Joan Grinde's production. True, Blanche DuBois gets more laughs these days than Tennessee Williams probably intended in 1947, but the character's florid dialogue and eccentricities paved their own way to her future as a camp icon.

Certainly, there's nothing in D.R. Adams' absorbing performance (the actors are identified by genderless first initials) that indicates anything but sincere dedication to the impoverished manor-born character. Many of the play's scenes feature just Blanche and sister Stella, which leaves the gender modification offstage for sizable stretches.

The main men of the play are Stanley and the more sensitive



Top to bottom: UStickEm's E. Longino (Stella) and R. Rajput (Stanley)

Mitch. The diminutive R. Rajput doesn't cut a figure that one immediately identifies with the Marlon Brando-style of Stanley, but Rajput creates a volatile character of believable dimensions. Size only matters when Rajput must carry across the stage, and with a bit of visible strain, the larger E. Longino, who plays Stella in an appealing straightforward fashion.

The unmarried Mitch, who becomes the object of Blanche's matrimonial schemes, is played by L. Kizsonas with considerable nuance and verisimilitude, and the scenes between Mitch and Blanche are among the produc-

tion's best.

The production does have problems in its attention to details, anachronistic props among them, and the choice of ominous music played at critical moments threatens to make them laughably melodramatic. But if the ride is sometimes bumpy aboard this *Streetcar*, it still gets you to the right place. ▼

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Mee generation

'Wintertime' comes to San Jose Repertory

by Richard Dodds

he characters in *Wintertime* have those gee-why-don't-you-love-me-oh-you-do-see-you-later blues. The recent play by Charles L. Mee, now at San Jose Rep, may echo the Stephen Sondheim lyric excerpted above, but the acknowledgment of this phenomenon, as one of Mee's characters points out, goes back at least as far as Plato.

"What Plato said was desire can only be for something that is lacking. If you don't lack it, you can't desire it," says a composer salesman (Charles Dean) named Bob who also conducts funeral services. You can love another person, Bob concludes, but you can't keep loving another person.

But Plato doesn't get the last word in *Wintertime*, a quirky and expansive rumination on love that does allow for at least some happy endings among the love-crazed characters.

Mee clearly has mixed feelings about this love business, and he pours it all out onto the stage. When he found mid-life love, he produced plays with titles like *Big Love* and *Summertime*. That relationship failed, and now we are back in winter, but with an early thaw predicted.

The play's premise is familiar enough, but its execution is filled with surprises. The setting is a summer house, vacant for the winter, where three sets of couples arrive thinking they'll have the place to themselves. First to enter are Ariel and Jonathan (Soraya Broukhim and Joseph Parks).

They are young and in the throes of first love. Their solitude is broken with the arrival of Jonathan's mother (Suzan Hanson) with her French lover (Michael Butler), who are soon followed by Jonathan's father (James Carpenter) and his lover (Perry Ojeda). Further stirring the pot are a pair of crusty old lesbians (Wilma Bonet and Catherine E. Coulson) from up the road.

This combination of new love, old love, and misplaced love creates havoc for the characters and their current relationships. And in a Mee play, emotional havoc can manifest itself in most unexpected ways. A chair is angrily smashed to Grieg. A door is briefly installed center stage so the characters can angrily slam it to Donizetti. A mass breakdown is performed to Puccini. Puccini makes a return as the characters, grieving over a death, sing "O mio babbino caro" after rending their garments.

The dialogue often becomes operatic as well, as big questions of life are discussed and debated. It all comes together skillfully in director Timothy Near's well-acted production, presented on a handsome set by Giulio Cesare Perrone. The set blurs the line between the cozy indoors and the snowy exterior, out to which the characters are constantly charging in bursts of anger.

Mee argues for and against love in a variety of ways, and the conclusion is that it is a messy, dangerous business. As the wise composer salesman points out, you *fall* in love. "You never hear," says Bob, "of someone who stepped into love." ▼

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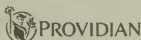
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by Tavo Amador

Bereft of holiday gift ideas? Books are often a perfect answer, fitting any budget and interest. This year's offerings are no exception. Here's a highly personal list of choices.

Those seeking a thoughtful volume should grab Michael Light's *100 Suns* (Knopf, \$45), which contains stunning images

of American nuclear tests held from 1945-62. Light, a San Francisco photographer, has assembled astonishing pictures from recently declassified government archives. Each image is simply labeled as to place, date, and size of the explosion, allowing the viewer to reach personal conclusions about the meaning of these hypnotic photographs. At the end of the book, the author writes incisively about the nuclear test program and its terrifying legacy.

help explain her unique hold on audiences, gay and straight.

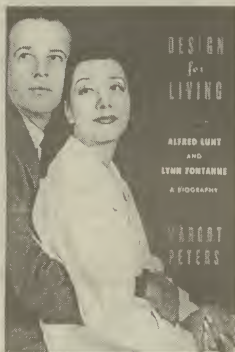
Publishers, recognizing that gays and lesbians want to reclaim our history, are producing books doing just that. In Lois Banner's *Intertwined Lives* — Margaret Mead, Ruth Benedict and their Circle (Knopf, \$30), readers learn that the two married women fell in love when Mead was Benedict's student, and see how they profoundly influenced cultural anthropology in the 20th century.

a chronicle of Stephen Sondheim's finest (but commercially unsuccessful) show. Among other interesting tidbits, Chapin says that Joan Crawford's career was the inspiration for the show biz anthem, "I'm Still Here."

Mysteries provide great escapes from stressful holidays (who hasn't wanted to murder someone during the season?) and this year's titles are almost boundless. Fans of the comic misadventures of David Stukas' accidental sleuth, Robert Willson, will welcome his newest, *Wearing Black to the White Ball* (Kensington, \$22), as murder mars a grand and very gay social event. Mabel Maney is another witty author, whose send-ups of Nancy Drew and the Hardy Boys will keep readers glued to the pages. Titles available include *A Ghost in the Closet*, featuring the Hardly Boys; and *The Case of the Not So Nice Nurse*, starring Nancy Clue (both Cleis, \$14.95). Her hilarious spoof of Ian Fleming, *Kiss the Girls and Make Them Spy* (HarperCollins, \$14), introducing James Bond's lesbian sister Jane, will make any airplane ride a joy.

Feel like spending the holidays in Italy, but can't get away? Ian Pears' elegant, clever Roman mysteries are the next best thing. Art dealer Jonathan Argyle and his romantic partner, Police Investigator Flavia de Stefano, star in an enjoyable series, all available in inexpensive paperback editions from Berkley Prime Crime. Try *The Bernini Bust*, *Giotto's Hand*, *The Last Judgment*, or *The Raphael Affair* for a taste of *Italia*. Pears' epic historical novels, like *An Incident at the Fingerpost*, are to be avoided.

If you'd rather go back in time, Lauren Haney's splendid series, set in Ancient Egypt during Queen Hatshepsut's reign, has two new paperback novels out from Avon, both featuring her highly appealing hero, police lieutenant Bak. *A Path of Shadows* has him solving a series of murders on a caravan across the desert, while *Flesh of the God*, the just-issued first in the series, shows the consequences of his raiding a house of pleasure frequented by important people. In these and her other stories, Haney not only spins an engrossing, action-packed yarn, she brilliantly recreates day-to-day life along the awesome Nile. ▼



Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne were the most acclaimed acting couple in theatrical history. Margot Peters tells their amazing story in *Design for Living* (Knopf, \$30). The author admits everyone assumed Lunt (1892-1977) and Fontanne (1887-1983) had a *marriage blanc* — he gay, she lesbian; but she says she can't find anyone who claims he slept with him, and only one anecdote attesting to her attraction to women. Given how intensely closeted the era was, that is hardly surprising. Peters' readable prose and thorough research allow any astute reader to conclude that Lunt was as gay as a Viennese waltz. He warned the young Montgomery Clift that being a "pansy" would kill his theatrical career — only Noel Coward could get away with it. Coward, who was an intimate of the Lunts for decades, wrote *Design for Living* for the three of them. Its homoerotic undertones make the nature of their *menage a trois* clear.

Joan was here

Fans of the Broadway musical will adore Ted Chapin's *Everything Was Possible: Follies, the Birth of the Musical* (Knopf, \$30),



Some historians claim queens mourning Judy Garland's death in 1969 triggered the Stonewall riots. Perhaps. *Judy Garland — A Portrait in Art and Anecdote* by John Fricke, with a forward by Lorna Luft (Bullfinch, \$50), is a coffee-table tome presenting the legendary gay icon and queen of Hollywood musicals at her finest, as a performer and person. The lavish illustrations capture the star in dramatic, lighthearted, elegant, and comic moments, and

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Incredible edibles

by John F. Karr

The most memorable scene in Chip Daniel's *Man Hunter* begins with a stunning image: Trey Rexx in leather. Shiny black leather pants slithering across a bursting basket. Then a broad black cockring round his golden pubes. A black leather harness hugging his burnished chest. But ooh, child, Trey's got more going on than mere fashion accessories. *Man Hunter* is the movie in which he lets down his hair. Literally.

Trey's hair is usually slicked back, a helmet of hammered gold like you see on the box cover. But he shakes it free in *Man Hunter*, and oh, it's absolutely mythological — the hair of a gloriously golden Trojan warrior, blazing like the sun, roiling as if alive.

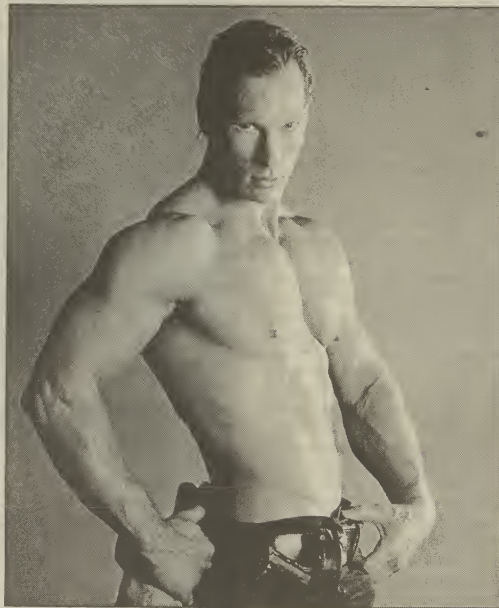
And this is just the teaser for his coupling with the highly aroused Rob Romoni. There is a marvelously ecstatic session of lovemaking succeeded by a muscular, masterful fuck. Ah yes, *Man Hunter* is a real Trey Rexx showpiece. What's the hitch? This sexually scrumptious scene is a mere 12 minutes long. And despite several other salaciously steamy scenes, there isn't enough Suspension of Disbelief in the world to make the movie's saga anything less than incredulous.

The first sex scene is a three-way in which burly leather daddy Mike Ray follows a session of swinish rimming by heaving his heavy cock mercilessly into his two buttboys. The scene's frenzy is such that you'll probably forget that the top-man has drugged, kidnapped, and then held the boys captive, forcing them to submit to their rape by shoveling up their noses spoonfuls of a white powder he calls candy, which reduces them to snarling, raging, panting jungle beasts. But though the sex is sure-fire and the boy's asses are scrumptious, do their two very lovely ends justify the means?

Welcome to the gaga world of the narratively challenged Chip Daniels. It's not merely the difficulty he has with coherent editing of his plot elements. It's that they're so illogical. *Man Hunter* seems to me an advertisement for drugs. The boys sure have a whale of good time after they snort their candy. Or is the movie a warning? Chip's press release cites the "lure and hook" of drugs, which engender "a lingering, seductive hunger for more of the forbidden fruit."

Hardware store

And how to account for Chip's tongue in cheek? There's some genuine wit in the dialogue (written by Sean Storm and Jim Gary), and a hilarious twist played perfectly straight: an undercover police agent will be a decoy, allowing



Trey Rexx in leather pants slithers and bulges beguilingly in *Man Hunter*.

the cops to track the villain to his lair and free his captives by following transmissions from the decoy's hotwired buttplug. That's what I said. This may seem a kinda

obvious place to hide a wire from a crook who's only got a nose for nookie, but what the heck. It's a Chip Daniels movie, and his mind glazes over when he merely thinks of a buttplug. Well, so does mine. But be rational, just for a mo-

ment. Rarely has a piece of hardware been so... fulfilling. And as the undercover cop, hairy-assed Brad McGuire wears it so well.

So, despite Karr's First Rule of Porn (sex should never be interrupted for plot), I guess I shouldn't complain that the initial drug-induced orgy is split in two. As is the juicy encounter of two go-for-it blond bartenders (the well-boned pair of feisty Tristan King and cute twink Brandon Baker). Or that segments of a backroom encounter (dildos and slings, oh my!) simply disappear midstroke instead of ending. Or that when the freed captives reward their liberators with the bounty of their bodies (allowing Trey to fuck senseless that adorable fuckbunny, Sean Storm), this final four-way remains two couples having sex in the same room instead of a cohesive, culminating event (which should have been truncated in favor of the abbreviated Rexx/Romoni scene). No, I'll graciously demur. Chip shovels on hot guys, keeps them in heat, and accompanies them with pulsing waves of exemplary music (composer uncredited). And try this: watch Chip direct his cast in the

bonus *Behind the Scenes* featurette. Watching the actors flub their lines isn't as entertaining as Chip thinks, but it's fun to see them just being guys. And Chip is just like his movies, wagging his tail like a cocker spaniel. Jeesh, he's enthusiastic.

I wish he'd just let his hair down, forget all those fashion accessories of filmmaking, and loosen his spunky salaciousness upon straightforward sex scenes. There's little excuse for the fumblyings that surround and divide the sex in *Man Hunter*. How many movies has Chip made now? ▼

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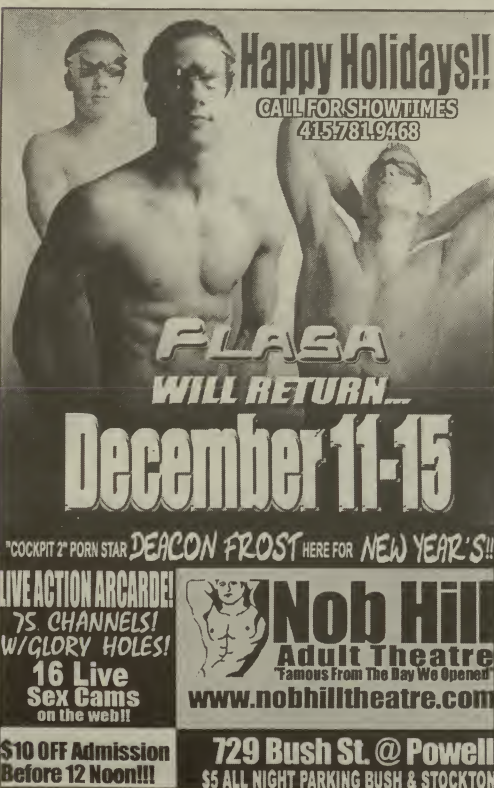
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Giving never ceases

Fundraising cheers for the holidays

by Mister Marcus

The holiday season is going full blast all across the land, with countless fundraisers, parties and other events happening. The pace in San Francisco was non-stop for leather mavens this past weekend, as a myriad of events took place. By 10 p.m. on Sunday night, everyone was literally exhausted from partying.

Last Thursday, the Constantines MC had their party and on Friday, the Golden Gate Guards staged their holiday celebration. Saturday night, Bob Brunson and Donna Sachet staged their annual get-together, and it was a Who's Who? gathering of people both leather and vanilla.

Earlier in the evening, the Phoenix Uniform Club had a healthy group gathering at the home of Jerry Roberts, with a great cocktail party, a gourmet dinner and a hilarious gift exchange that was the highlight of the evening.

Chuck and Russ of Blow Buddies also hosted a macho-macho group at their annual chrome/tinfoil Christmas-tree extravaganza.

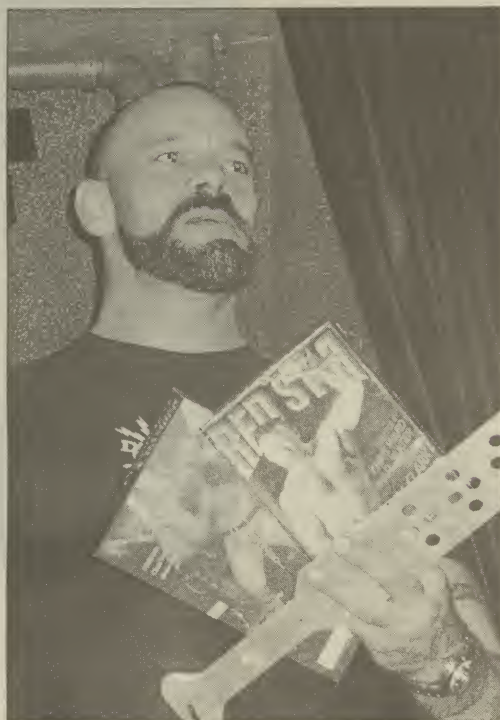
Across the San Francisco Bay Bridge, the Alameda County Leather Corps staged their annual Santa's Slave Auction at the Turf Club in Hayward. More than \$4,000 was raised for the children's hospice under construction in Alameda County - the first in the nation.

Sunday was another party rampage, beginning with the annual Holiday Leather Brunch put together by Mark Paladini at the Hotel Utah on Bryant St. All the usual suspects were on hand to witness "Unsung Hero Awards" bestowed on Russ and Chuck of Blow Buddies who don't even have the word "No" in their vocabulary when it comes to donations.

Likewise, Unicorn Escobedo was honored for his long tenure of service via voluntary coat-check duties at more than one bar in town, and all to benefit various charities. Assemblyman Mark Leno was on hand to present official congratulatory certificates from the California State Assembly. Almost \$2,500 was raised for the charity.

The crowd high-tailed it to Daddy's Bar where International Mr. Boot Black, Richie Chameroy, was staging a fund raiser for the International Boot Black Museum at the Leather Archives & Museum, replete with raffles, auction items, and entertainment by Snatch, T.J. Istvan and Donna Sachet. At my deadline, the proceeds had not yet been finalized.

Then it was the Forum of



International Mr. Bootblack Richie Chameroy addressed the crowd at Daddy's last Sunday, December 7 at his fundraiser for the International Boot Black Museum in Chicago.

Francisco (bike club groups and the Leather/Levi Weekend project) holiday party at Leticia's, with some hosted adult beverages, some good Latino cuisine, and Bob Tate's world famous cheesecakes and cookies.



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It was a weekend to be remembered and more coming. If you can do your job, maintain your household, attend holiday gatherings and fundraisers, you are made of steel and deserve the largesse of family and friends!

Shopping spree

And speaking of stamina, shopping is on the agenda of almost everyone. The "Disastro" with its great shops are all aglow and decorated to the nines. All the leather shops are bulging with leather goodies and Stompers Boots, the premiere boot store in the entire hemisphere, is having a 15% off sale on every item in their inventory including Dehner and Wescoe Boots. Boot lover or not, you are guaranteed a very wide selection at Stompers either on the premises or online. Click on www.stompersboots.com and you'll know what I mean.

Forward thinking

Looking beyond all the holiday hoopla and the New Year's celebrations, it's not too early to start planning for the first "biggie" of the new year, the Mid-Atlantic Leather Weekend in Washington, D.C. on the weekend of January 16-20. If you haven't made your plans to attend you should check out the details on www.leatherweekend.com for rates, hotel accommodations, the weekend schedule, etc.

In Los Angeles, the race is on for Mr. Los Angeles Leather 2004 when Stephen Blackwell steps aside for a successor. The first "feeder" contest is Mr. Gauntlet II Leather on Saturday, January 10.

In Boston, the New England Leather Alliance hosts a Fetish Fair Fleamarket at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel with rooms going for \$99 if you click on www.bostonparkplaza.com to make reservations.

In Phoenix, Arizona, it's Mr. Padlock Leather 2004 contest at the Padlock Bar. For info email to mrpadlock2001@hotmail.com.

Another candidate for IML

The Detroit Eagle staged its Mr. Detroit (Leather) Contest on Saturday, November 15 with three men vying for the title. Full

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EVENTURES IN LEATHER

Thursday, December 11

Mr. SF Leather Julian Marshburn stages "Naughty or Nice," a beer/soda bust fundraiser for Magnet and the Mr. SF Leather travel fund, tonight at Daddy's from 2000 to 2300. You can sit on Santa's lap and be photographed with him, bid on various auction items, buy raffle tickets and bid on dinner (or whatever) dates with some of those hunky Daddy's bartenders. Don't miss this one!

Good holiday shopping bargains are to be had at Stompers, with 15% off sale of all boots through December 31st.

Monday, December 15

Donna Sachet's annual "Songs of the Season" show is in the Plush Room of the Hotel York on Sutter @ Polk Streets. All the talent this town can muster will be performing. Tickets are only \$50 to benefit the AIDS Emergency Fund.

Wednesday, December 17

Holiday skivvies on parade at Underwear Buddies tonight at 933 Harrison. Doors open 2100 to 2300. Call 777-HEAD.

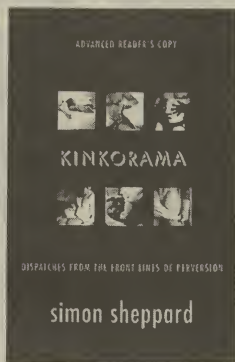
Working out the kinks

by Jim Nawrocki

Kinkorama: Dispatches from the Front Lines of Perversion by Simon Sheppard; Alyson, \$13.95

San Francisco-based writer Simon Sheppard has made a career of writing about sex. He's edited the steamy anthologies *Rough Stuff* and *Roughed Up*, authored an erotic story collection called *Hotter Than Hell*, and he writes a sex-advice column. His work also appears regularly in erotic anthologies. The literary marketplace of gay erotica is a crowded one, but Sheppard stands out because he writes for the thinking person. He can drop references to Freud, Foucault, and Nietzsche, but his witty, conversational style is never pretentious.

His new book, *Kinkorama*, is something of a departure. As he admits in his foreword, the project began as an anthology about queer men's favorite kinks and fetishes. After his editor suggested he write the whole thing himself, Sheppard's initial hesitation gave way to acceptance and eventually (judging from the book) enthusiasm. It's certainly a brave undertaking. Sheppard writes candidly about his own experiences with everything from online cruising to glory-hole sex (and a whole lot more). As he describes it, this strange little book is "Lonely



Planet meets Krafft Ebbing."

Mr. Sheppard's planet is certainly an interesting one. His book covers many of the (for want of a better word) "traditional" manifestations of gay sexuality (leather, S/M, and master/slave relationships), as well as lesser-known fetishes, like diaper play. He also does not shy away from topics such as fisting, drugs and sex, and public sex. As he acknowledges, *Kinkorama* is not a comprehensive examination of queer sexuality, but it's certainly an unflinching one.

Sheppard is fully aware that he's taking his readers into controversial territory, and he makes no apologies. He writes as if he were in dialogue with his readers, antic-

ipating possible objections, answering likely questions, and leading them forward with lessons gleaned from his many years of observation. "Yes, men are pigs," he writes in a typical concluding paragraph, "and freed from the 'civilizing' restraints of women, male/male sex can be even piggier."

Kinkorama is perhaps best described as an erotic diary, and the cast of characters is not restricted to Sheppard. He changes the names to protect the not-so-innocent, of course, and he is aided by that big chatroom known as the Internet. He is able to reference online conversations with men from all over the country and the world, men of all ages who have a stunning array of predilections and proclivities. One wonders, in fact, why Sheppard did not devote a chapter to online sex, but he does make ample reference to it in other parts of the book.

For the uninitiated but interested, *Kinkorama* is a good introduction to the world of the gay underground sex culture. For those who have been there, it's a thoughtful look at a world that many do not make the effort to think about. Sheppard proves an engaging guide. ▼

Simon Sheppard reads from *Kinkorama* on Wed., Dec. 17, 7:30 p.m. at Magnet, 4122 18th St.

400 Santas!

Marlena's packs 'em in for the holidays

by Sweet Lips

I wish to thank all who attended my 81st Birthday Party at the Club Rendez-Vous, especially David Kapp, Dennis Tyler, and L. James for the great invitations. And you too, Emperor Stephen! It was nice to have Steve Suss and Don Sexton of Portland here for my bash. It was also nice to see Tyler of Kimo's looking so good. Honeys, you're all extra-fabulous!

Speaking of fabulous, Empress José celebrates I don't know how many years on December 12! Blow a big kiss her way!

I dropped by Marlena's the other day, and what a sight it is to behold! The Christmas decorations are fabulous! Almost 400 Santa Claus dolls decorate the interior, with revolving snowflakes hanging from the ceiling. And yes, Marlena looked good, too! Remember, Marlena's special holiday hours are Monday through Sunday, from Noon to 2 a.m. And don't forget that this Saturday, December 13, Victoria

Secret and Alexandria will be hosting *Fauxgirls!* Drop by to see what holiday thrills the ladies have up their stockings!

Ginger's Trois, at 246 Kearny, has a fantastic Christmas décor. I wouldn't want to count the lights they have up! But check it out for holiday cheer!

Lots of other Christmas parties are going on around town, so check with your local watering hole for details. Have a Happy Holiday! ▼



Cocktail Hour

Mister Marcus

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details were not available to me at my deadline, but when all the votes were counted, "Alley Cat" won the opportunity to compete at IML 2004. The first runner-up was Rob Dugas. Alley Cat is a resident of the Detroit Metro area, is a member of Icon Detroit, and has been involved in meaningful fundraising.

As I stated last week, the IML contest is definitely looking most interesting. The IML 2004 judges will be announced during the MAL weekend in Washington, D.C. next month.

Party hearty in the coming days and exercise caution while you're out there shopping, partying and making merry. In the meantime, to keep up to date on what's happening in your world, be sure to read all the writers who contribute to www.L LeatherPage.com on a frequent basis. ▼



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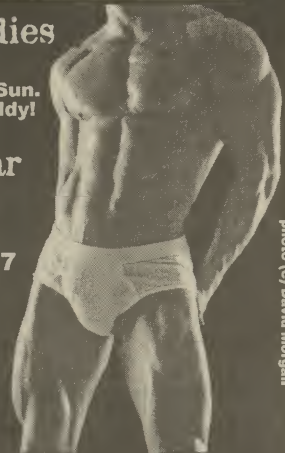


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OUT & ABOUT

Calendare

by Mark Mardon

Lord of chaos

This Wednesday, December 17, thousands will queue up at theaters across America to experience "The Return of the King" as New Line Cinema unveils part three of Peter Jackson's majestic *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, bringing Elijah Wood, Sean Astin, Ian McKellen and all the others together for the much-anticipated climax of J.R.R. Tolkien's epic masterpiece, brilliantly realized by Jackson for the big screen.

The official *Rings* website (www.lord-oftherings.net) summarizes the plot so far: "Sauron's forces have laid siege to Minas Tirith, the capital of Gondor, in their efforts to eliminate the race of men. The once-great kingdom, watched over by a fading steward, has never been in more desperate need of its king. But can Aragorn (Viggo Mortensen) answer the call of his heritage and become what he was born to be? In no small measure, the fate of Middle-earth rests on his broad shoulders."

This is modern-day myth making at its vibrant best. Dorothy had her wicked witches, and Frodo his dark wizards, Sauron and Saruman. We fell in love with Dorothy, and Frodo is her spiritual heir, almost certain to be an enduring queer icon. We loved to hate the Wicked Witch, just as we swoon to loathe Frodo's nemesis.

But there's a huge difference in the two myths. One sought to sweeten the world for children's sake, the other to present the world with all its terror intact. L. Frank Baum, in the April, 1900 introduction to his novel, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, wrote that the story "was written solely to please children of today. It aspires to being a modernized fairy tale, in which the wonderment and joy are retained and the heartaches and nightmares are left out." He wanted to eliminate the "horrible and blood-curdling incidents" of Grimm and Andersen tales, "devised by their authors to point a fearsome moral to each tale." By contrast, J.R.R. Tolkien offered no such cleansing, but rather set out to immerse readers in layer after layer of horror and blood-curdling as well as beauty and heroics in a tale as rich, complex and moralizing as the great myths of the Bible.

When Dorothy, the Tin Woodsman, the Scarecrow, and the Cowardly Lion made their screen appearance in 1939, the winds of war were sweeping across the Atlantic, but America was not yet caught up in the chaos. The arch villain of the time, the Wicked Witch of the West, was Hitler, with Mussolini as his henchperson.

What living personage today most closely resembles Sauron and Saruman? A good inkling comes in the number of times the words "George Bush," "Sauron" and "Saruman" are linked in a Google search. Take for instance the subhead of Scott Thill's *Salon.com* interview with Viggo Mortensen, who plays Aragorn ("The Man Who Would Be King," Oct. 24, 2003). The editors chose to highlight Mortensen's comments on "why Bush will go down in history as the Sauron of American presidents."

Any politician, especially a sitting U.S. president, who becomes identified in the public mind with the worst villain of a prevailing popular mythology would do well to take some time out for self reflection.

These are dark times in Middle Earth indeed. ▼



Mrs. Vera and other queer artists take note of a "Small Craft Advisory" at Live Art Gallery. See Saturday.

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Mark Morris' 'The Hard Nut'

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Cal Performances presents The Mark Morris Dance Group in the hilarious/heroic holiday hit "The Hard Nut," Morris' ingenious transmutation of the Nutcracker ballet, set to Tchaikovsky's original score played by members of the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra, Robert Cole, conductor, with UC Berkeley Women's Choral and Perfect Fifth, Mark Sumner, director. In a vinyl-clad '60s suburban household, tales of bewitched princesses, international pursuit and true romance unfold. Merry episodes of Noël naughtiness share the spotlight with exquisite, tender unfurlings of childhood dreams as Morris and cartoon artist Charles Burns jeté from 19th-century bourgeois German materialism to its obvious American counterpart in the schmaltzy, swinging 1960s. \$32, \$46 & \$56. 8pm. Thru Dec. 1. Tix/info: 510-642-9988; www.calperfs.berkeley.edu

Strybing's Holiday Wreath Workshop

@ Golden Gate Park
Express your creativity in constructing wreaths using colorful greens and conifer foliage from Strybing Arboretum & Botanical Gardens' own collections. Marjorie Dunbar, local floral designer, and Andy Stone, from Strybing's horticultural staff, will provide instruction and inspiration. Participants should bring their own lunch.

pruners, wire cutters, accents, and ribbons. \$55. 12-4pm. 9th Ave. at Lincoln Way, GG Park. Pre registration required: 661-1316, x 354; www.strybing.org

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'I Got Yule, Babe!'

@ Lakeshore Baptist Church, Oakland
The Oakland East Bay Gay Men's Chorus, a diverse group of forty men, launches its fifth season with the chorus' annual holiday concert, "I Got Yule, Babe!" Presenting a mix of spiritual and joyful holiday choral music, from classic to contemporary. Artistic Director Michael Carlson said he is proud to present a chorus that has grown to 40 singers "in a light-hearted and heart-felt musical look at LGBT holiday traditions... Some pieces focus on what it means to be a gay person celebrating holidays with family, others on what holiday traditions are like in other parts of the world." \$12 advance; \$15 door. 8pm. Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church, 3534 Lakeshore Ave., Oakland. Advance tickets from any chorus member or phone the chorus office at (800) 706-2389. Info: www.oebgmc.org

'A Chanticleer Christmas'

@ St. Ignatius Church
Music Director Joseph Jennings leads the internationally-acclaimed 12-man cappella choral ensemble Chanticleer in "A Chanticleer Christmas." Featuring Gregorian chant; a set of pieces from Renaissance Spain; John Tavener's "Village Wedding;" traditional carols, and a selection of spirituals arranged by Mr. Jennings. \$25, \$34 & \$37. 8pm. Also on Dec. 21st at 7pm. 650 Parker St. (at Fulton). Tix: City Box Office, 392-4400 or 800-407-1400; cityboxoffice.com. Info: chanticleer.org

'A Very Special Christmas'

@ The Center
Theatre Rhinoceros presents: "A Very Special Christmas!" A benefit for Theatre Rhinoceros hosted by P.A. Cooley with Special Guests Co-Hosts Kimberly Clark and Jeffrey Hartgraves \$20 gen'; \$15 student/senior/ Rhino subscribers. 8pm. SF LGBT

Community Center, 1800 Market St. Tix: 861-5079; www.therhino.org

Small Craft Advisory' @ Live Art Gallery

Opening reception/party: "Small Craft Advisory," a holiday art show of small works and stocking stuffers by many of our favorite artists, including Sam Russell, Tom Fowler, René Capone, Michael Johnstone, David Faulk, Larry Aleshire, Bailey Rosen, and Isabel Urbina. Paintings, watercolors, photography, collage, sculpture and printing. Free. 5-11pm. Also noon-5pm Sun., Dec. 14 (open house/shop-o-Rama). Live Art Gallery, 151 Potrero Ave. Info: 254-3141 (René Capone) or 695-0119 (Tom Fowler).

'Naughty & Nice Queer Ballroom Party'

@ Synergy School
Queer Ballroom presents the "Naughty and Nice Queer Ballroom Party." Dance and win a Hawaii raffle! 6:30/7:30pm lessons in Electric Slide/Viennese Waltz. 9pm-midnight DJs spin Latin, Swing, Two-Step, Line Dance and Ballroom Music. \$10 (under-21 half off; volunteers free). 1387 Valencia St. (at 25th St.). Info: 305-8242; queerballroom.com

Grupo Socio Cultural Hispano

Grupo Socio Cultural Hispano will hold its Christmas Party tonight for all gay men in the Bay Area regardless of Spanish-speaking ability. The potluck fiesta will take place at a location in the Castro. For details, call Al at 821-4670.

'It is No Dream' + Havdalah

@ Sha'ar Zahav
Join the Social Action Committee of Congregation Sha'ar Zahav for Havdalah and a screening of the powerful documentary *It is No Dream*, by filmmakers Benny Brunner and Joseph Rochlitz. Recently premiered at the SF Jewish Film Festival, *It is No Dream* is a fascinating collection of testimonies of Israeli activists and commentators discussing their hopes for peace and justice between Israelis and Palestinians. Join a facilitated discussion after the film. 6:30pm. 290 Dolores St. (at 16th St.). Info: 861-6932; shaarzahav.org



P.A. Cooley and The Rhino offer "A Very Special Christmas" at The Center. See Saturday.

Other Cinema @ ATA Gallery

Other Cinema welcomes the nomadic guru of the nation's direct-animation movement, Devon Damonte, a whirlwind of creative energy and inspirational instruction, teaming up with local light Ken Paul Rosenthal to introduce an extraordinary program of "hand-made" films. Featuring exquisite alchemical artworks conjured up without the use of the camera, but through the physical manipulation of the celluloid surface itself. \$5. Doors 8pm; show 8:30pm. 992 Valencia St. Info: 824-3890; www.othercinema.com

LHRC's 'Holiday Benefit Gala'

@ Ramada Plaza International Hotel
The Lesbian Health Research Center at UCSF puts on "The Holiday Event of the Season for Our Community," a fundraiser for the center featuring dinner, dancing and live entertainment by Suede. \$100 (\$60 dinner only or concert/dance only). Sponsorships \$150-\$5,000. 6pm-1am. 1231 Market St. Tix/info: www.lesbianhealth-info.org

'Fauxgirls!'

@ Marlana's
Victoria Secret and Alexandria host "Fauxgirls!," drag cabaret showcasing both glamour and camp, featuring the talents of Mini Minerva, Davida, Dafney Deluxe, Nikki Starr, Anjelica Devarox and

guest stars. No cover. 10pm showtime. 488 Hayes St. (at Octavia). Info: 864-6672; sf-drag.com

Sun
14

Robert Glück @ Modern Times

Party & Reading for Denny Smith (*And Other Stories*) by Robert Glück. Ten years in the making, Denny Smith, from Clear Cut Press, is a new collection from the author of *Margery Kempe, Jack the Modernist, Elements of a Coffee Service, and Reader*. Glück is a writer, teacher, and formative practitioner of what became known as New Narrative. Michel Foucault esteemed him as one of the world's greatest writers about sex. He teaches at SF State University. Free. 2pm. Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia St. Info: 282-9246.

Sundance Saloon's Holiday Ball and Toy Drive

@ 550 Barneveld
One of Sundance Saloon's most special nights of the year, when it is transformed into a wonderland of lights and sound, with holiday and festivities and merriment, country-western style. Bring a new, unwrapped toy to place under the tree and get \$3 off the special event admission of \$8. 6-11pm (w/dance instruction 6-7:30pm). Info: 820-1403; www.sundancesaloon.com

Walt Anthony/PFLAG @ St. Francis Lutheran Church

Magical Realms of Legend and Lore await you as Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) hosts dynamic performer Walt Anthony, conjurer and Teller of Tales. Anthony, who has more than 30 years experience and formal training as a professional entertainer/magician. Aware that the gulf has widened between our amusements and our inner truths, Anthony re-introduces ancient forms of entertainment in a new guise. Free. All welcome. 2:30pm PFLAG Support Group; 3:40pm program. 152 Church St. (at Market). Info: 921-8850.

Radical Women @ New Valencia Hall

Community Open House: Radical Women and the Freedom Socialist Party present "It's



Samantha Giron and Kelly Kemp in *Pilot 42: Closer to Present*. See Wednesday

Time to Get Radical!" Speak out, song, poetry and conversation will abound at this seasonal social. Featuring the music of Faith Petric, local poets and activists involved in the fight for a better world. Bring a favorite poem, radical song, or anti-war soapbox oration to share. \$5 (includes appetizer spread). 2-3:30pm. 1908 Mission St. Info: 864-1278.

Holly Near & Cris Williamson @ San Jose Rep

Holly Near and Cris Williamson, pioneers and now icons of feminist music, bring "The Peace and Love Tour" to San Jose Repertory theatre. Says SJ Rep Artistic Director Timothy Near: "I highly recommend their concert as the perfect way to greet the holidays with hope and prayers for peace and goodwill throughout the world." \$20, \$26, \$32. 7pm. 101 Paseo de San Antonio, San Jose. Tix: 408-367-7255; www.sjrep.com. Info: www.hollynear.com

'Spunk' @ The Stud

New weekly club: "Spunk," featuring HI-NRG dance music by DJs Native & Sysko. Go-go boys. Tighty whites. Black lights. \$5 (\$2 off w/college ID). 11pm-3am. 9th & Harrison. Info: 252-STUD; studs4.com

Mon 15

Donna Sachet's 'Songs of the Season' @ The Plush Room

Chanteuse Donna Sachet steams up the Plush Room with her "Songs of the Season," a benefit for the AIDS Emergency Fund. Each year Donna produces and hosts her own holiday event "Songs of the Season" which last year alone raised over \$7,500 for the AIDS Emergency Fund. In 1990 Donna moved to San Francisco and became Miss Gay San Francisco 1993. She went on to become the Thirtieth Empress of San Francisco in 1995. Throughout her Reign as Empress she won the hearts of people everywhere. Donna has held the stage with such divas as Linda Imperial, Jo Carol, Jessica Williams, Cynthia Manley, Vicki Shepard, Jeannie Tracy, Martha Wash, Nell Carter and many more. She is an Active member of the SF Gay Men's Chorus and has performed live to crowds of more than 2,500 people. Tickets are \$50 plus 2-drink minimum. No-host cocktail reception 7pm; showtime 8pm. York Hotel, 940 Sutter St. Reservations: email donnasongs2003@aol.com

'Help Is On The Way for the Holidays V' @ Herbst Theatre

The Richmond/Ermet AIDS Foundation presents "Help Is On The Way for the Holidays V," an all-star benefit concert featuring stars of Broadway, film, TV, recording and dance. Richmond/Ermet has raised more than \$1.3 million for AIDS service agencies in the Bay Area and Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS; all proceeds from this show go to the Pediatric AIDS/HIV Program at Children's Hospital, Oakland, the HIV Education Program at New Conservatory Theatre Center, and the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center (TARC). Starring Joey McIntyre (pop recording); Maureen McGovern (recording/B'way); Jill Eikenberry & Michael Tucker (TV/film); Debbie Boone (recording); Sally Struthers (TV's All in the Family/Gilmore Girls); Lisa Vroman (recording; B'way's Phantom of the



Genderbending performance-art sensation Vinsantos presents "Counterfeit" at Victoria Theatre. See Thursday.

Opera); Leslie Jordan (TV/film; Will & Grace; Sor-did Lives); Wesla Whitfield (cabaret/recording); Connie Champagne (cabaret/recording); Kim Nally (jazz/blues); Lisa Viggiano (cabaret/recording); Kenny Washington (jazz); Hook Slide (a cappella); Shannon Hulburt (Smuin Ballet); and principal dancers with the San Francisco Ballet. Show directed by David Galligan; Music Direction by Richard Berent & Bill Keck. \$35, \$50 & \$75 (\$100+ w/post-performance champagne/dessert party in the Green Room). Pre-show silent auction 5:30-7:30pm. Performance begins 7:30pm. 401 Van Ness Ave. Tix/info: 415-273-1620; www.helpisontheway.org

Women-on-the-Way Festival IV @ Venue 9

Footloose presents at Venue 9 the "Fourth Annual Women on the Way Festival" (WOW IV), showcasing emerging and established talent. This is likely the last time you'll get to experience a WOW Festival at Venue 9, as the lease expires in May 2004 and Footloose has been networking with Art House and their parent organization, California Lawyers for the Arts, to create a new multi-use cultural center in SF. Talk are underway with Mercy Housing (a division of Catholic Charities) to secure a long-term lease on a 7,800-sq. ft. space at 1360 Mission (btwn 9th & 10th). \$15-\$20 sliding. Thu-Sun. Thru Feb. 1. 252 9th St. (btwn Folsom & Howard). Tix: 1-866-468-3399; TIX Union Square. Info: 289-2000; www.venue9.com



Maureen McGovern joins a host of other celebs in "Help Is On The Way For The Holidays V" at the Herbst. See Monday.

Tue 16

'Viva Variety 37' @ Burial Clay Theater

"Make It So" Productions presents Steve Murray's long-running hit entertainment "Viva Variety 37," this time a benefit for Castro Country Club. Host Murray will be joined by Frank Jackson (jazz vocalist); Big Burlesque (dance); Kenni (original music); Nick Leonard (comedy); James Judd (comedy); Adrian West (original music); Fauxlies Fantastique (French follies); Peggy L'Eggs (performance art); and Kitten on the Keys (vaudeville). \$15. 8pm. Burial Clay Theater 762 Fulton Street (at Webster; free parking available). Tix: 863-0741 ext. #2. Info: www.makeitsoproductions.org

Gary Snyder & Amy Wu Wong @ Intersection

Intersection for the Arts presents, as part of their Fall 2003 Literary Series, a paired reading with literary icon Gary Snyder and local emerging poet Amy Wu Wong. Born in SF in 1930, Snyder has secured immortality as one of the Beats of the 1950s, a pal of Allen Ginsberg, Jack Kerouac, Philip Whalen, Kenneth Rexroth, and Robert Duncan, among others. \$5-\$15 sliding. 8pm. 446 Valencia St. (btwn 15th & 16th). Tix: 626-2787; www.theintersection.org

Stu Smith's Holiday Hobnob @ The Plush Room

"Stu Smith's Annual Holiday Hobnob Benefit for Shanti," starring Lisa Baney, Dick Bright, Tim Hockenberry, Spider Saloff, Bob Sarlatte and special guest. Featuring emcees Al Hart and Bruce Bellingham. \$35, \$50, \$75. 7pm. York Hotel, 940 Sutter St. Tix: Stu Smith, 923-1452.

Wed 17

'Pilot 42: Closer to Present' @ ODC Theater

ODC Theater and School present "Pilot 42: Closer to Present," a two-night showcase of "first flights" by six emerging Bay Area choreographers. Featuring works by Kara Davis (Janice Garrett & Dancer; Margaret Jenkins Dance Company; Kunst-Stoff);

Todd Eckert (CAPACITOR, Janice Garrett & Dancers; Robert Moses' Kin); Samantha Giron (graduate Mills College Dance Dept.); Kelly Kemp (Raw Footage dance company); Paul Laurey (combines cognitive neuroscience and dance); and Kiesha Minyard (U. of Michigan's MFA dance program). \$12. 8pm. Also Dec. 18. ODC Theater, 3153 17th St. Tix/info: 863-9834; www.odctheater.org

'Kinkorama' @ Magnet

A Different Light Bookstore presents erotic writer Simon Sheppard (co-editor of *Rough Stuff* and author of *Hotter Than Hell*), who will from his latest arousing novel, *Kinkorama*, revealing sometimes shocking, often hilarious, relentlessly arousing scenarios of extreme sex. Free. 7:30pm. Magnet, 4122 18th St. (across from Badlands).

Thu 18

Vinsantos & A Sixthe Toe in 'Counterfeit' @ Victoria Theatre

One night only: Genderbending local performance artist Vinsantos debuts his multimedia show *Counterfeit*, exploring the internal life of a decadent androgynous stage performer and posing the musical question: "Is what you're living for counterfeit?" Backed by his band A Sixthe Toe, Vinsantos will explore the struggle of living authentically through live music, film and storytelling, elaborate costumes and props, creating a look and sound reminiscent of Vaudeville and pre-war cabaret. Vinsantos has amazed crowds at Trannyshack, the Folsom Street Fair, and elsewhere. His band is played in heavy rotation on local alt-music/college station KUSF, and he is a director of the SF Underground Short Film Festival; look for his films at the upcoming at Southern Exposure and Trannyfest film festivals. \$15. 8pm. 16th & Mission. Tix: tickets.com. Info: vinsantos.net

'BROKE' @ The Marsh

The Marsh, a breeding ground for new performance, extends its World Premiere of *BROKE*, the latest work of satirist Merle Kessler, starring his alter-ego, Ian Shoales. Free of the burden of gainful employment since the 20th century, Mr. Shoales is now ready for some dam fun. His acerbic observations were first heard on NPR's "All Things Considered," and have been featured on NPR's "Morning Edition," ABC's "Nightline," and online at Salon.com. \$12-\$22 sliding. 8pm. Also playing Jan. 15-31. The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St. (btwn 21st & 22nd). Info: 826-5750; www.the-marsh.org

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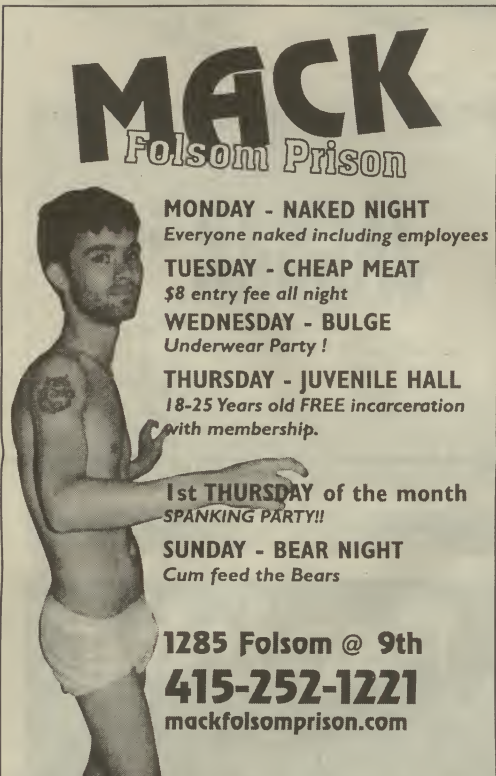
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Follies memoir

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cals of that season. But he kept his material tucked away until he met a fellow parent after a school play.

"This other parent worked for *The New York Times*, and she's sort of a fierce putter-together type person, and also a big Sondheim fan, and when I told her I was a gofer on the original production of *Follies* and had kept a journal, she said, 'There's a book in that. I'm sending you to my friend who's a book agent.' And I thought, 'Why not?'"

In *Everything Was Possible: The Birth of the Musical Follies* (Knopf), Chapin set out to maintain the sense of wonder that infused his original experience. "As I sat down to write this book," Chapin said from his office in New York, "I realized the incredible number of lessons I learned from this experience. This isn't one of those exposés. I was just dazzled by what was going on, and my eyes and ears were just open to everything."

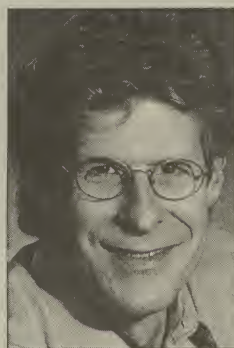
Follies was a magnificent confluence of talents: Hal Prince and Stephen Sondheim fresh from *Company*, rising-star director-choreographer Michael Bennett, accomplished librettist William Goldman, a first-string design, and a cast of new talent and old-time stars.

It was a volatile mixture of talent and temperament, but the book is generally gentle in its depiction of events. "But I didn't edit anything with the thought of, 'Oh, I wonder if Stephen Sondheim or Hal Prince is going to like my saying this?' When it was in manuscript form, I sent it to both of them, and they gave me fascinating comments that helped fill in little pieces of the story."

The book is also notably asexual, with scant information about sexualities and liaisons among the company. Though Chapin does reveal in the book that Hal Prince worried that Yvonne De Carlo might try to bed the gofer, Chapin said his 20-year-old mind wasn't on the lookout for things sexual.

"Some people have given me laundry lists of who was sleeping with either sex here, there, and the other place," Chapin said. "But that's not really the story. The sexual tension wasn't nearly as interesting as the artistic tension."

Ultimately, *Everything Was Possible* is a genial insider's look at



Chapin was a gofer for first *Follies*.

how one of the most influential musicals in Broadway history was put together, bolt by bolt, person by person. It's a fine gift choice for theater-lovers.

'Lion' pause

If you have an inner warthog, Disney is giving you a chance to let it out. *The Lion King*, due next month at the Orpheum Theatre, will hold open-call auditions for singers for the musical's Broadway and national touring companies (but not for the SF run).

Auditions for adult singers take place Dec. 12 at the ACT office, 30 Grant St. Sign-in is from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Auditioners should bring sheet music for a song that shows off range and voice in 16 bars. For more infor-

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photos of his children the cabbie had pasted over the speedometer that tipped us off. So we needed to know the fare to Union Station up-front.

Cabbie wondered whether we wouldn't rather let him take us all the way to New York. No thanks? Union Station was \$7. \$7! "Okay, \$6."

\$6! We were still shocked and appalled.

"Okay, \$5." But then he stopped to picked up a second rider.

No matter, *Out There* shares the cabbie's philosophy: All of life is a first draft. Longtime readers of this column know how much we love reading the corrections boxes of other newspapers. Deadline journalism involves an infinite number of possible pratfalls, which makes their acknowledgment in print so damned gratifying!

Last week saw mention in the *New York Times* of an obituary the previous day which "erroneously reported the death of Katharine Sergava, a dancer and an actress who portrayed the dream-ballet version of Laurey, the heroine, in

mation call (212) 827-5450 or go to disneyonbroadway.com.

A very Cooley Christmas

The P.A. Cooley Variety Show is back for one night only with a holiday edition titled *You Better Watch Out*. The Dec. 13 performance at the LGBT Center is benefiting Theatre Rhino.

Among the performers on the bill are Tom Orr (creator of *Dirty Little Show Tunes*), cabaret singer Veronica Klaus, comedienne Amy Boyd, magician Christian Cagigal, Birdy Bob Watt, and David Mahr.

Tickets are \$20 and include a pre-show reception at 7 p.m. Call 861-5079 or go to therhino.org.

Help for the holidays

Help Is on the Way for the Holidays, a multi-star benefit concert, is back for its fifth year. Among those scheduled to appear at the Dec. 15 event in Herbst Theatre are Joey McIntyre, Maureen McGovern, Debby Boone, Sally Struthers, Wesla Whitfield, and Connie Champagne.

Presented by the Richmond/Ermet AIDS Foundation, the 2003 concert will benefit the Pediatric HIV/AIDS Program at Children's Hospital Oakland, the HIV Education Program at New Conservatory Theatre Center, and Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center.

Tickets for the show only start at \$35, while \$100 host tickets offer preferred seating and a post-show party. For tickets call 273-1620 or go to helpisontheway.org.

Richard Dodds can be reached at BARstage@aol.com.

the original production of *Okla-homa!* Friends of hers reported the error yesterday." Demonstrably false rumors of one's untimely demise always being premature.

Our nomination for Correction of the Year also comes from the stately pages of the *Times*, in an editor's note last month that read in full, "An obituary last Wednesday about **Marvin Smith**, a leading photographer of Harlem who worked with his identical twin, **Morgan**, described the closeness of the two men — it was said that they never used the pronoun 'I' — and recounted an anecdote about Marvin Smith's response to the illness that caused his brother's death, in 1993.

"The article said that Morgan Smith died of testicular cancer and that his brother, in response, had his own testicles removed. That account was given to the *Times* by a friend of both men. It should not have been published unless it could be verified and attributed.

"After the obituary appeared, **Monica Smith**, the daughter of Morgan Smith, told the *Times* that her father had had prostate cancer and that her uncle did not have his testicles removed." But that friend of the family sure as hell has balls! ▼

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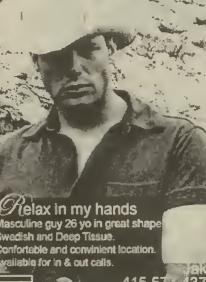
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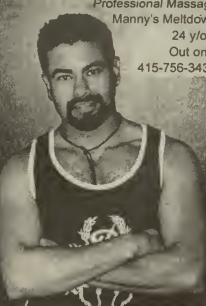
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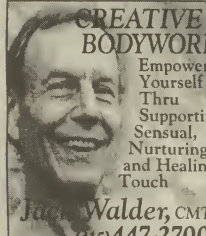
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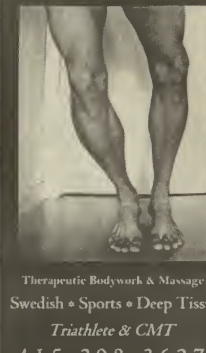
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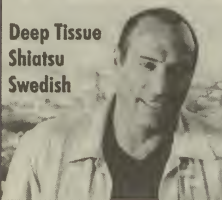
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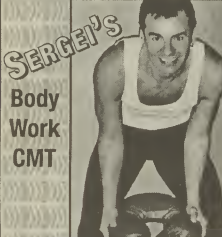
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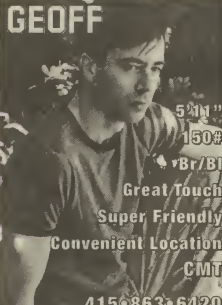


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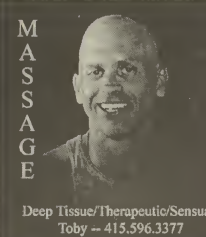
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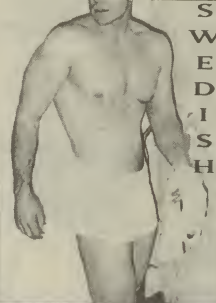
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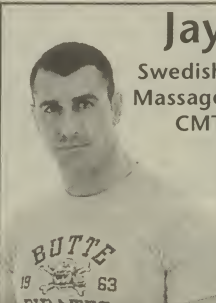
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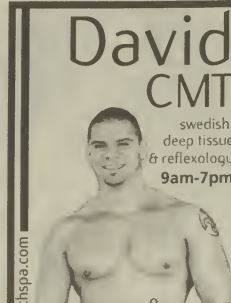
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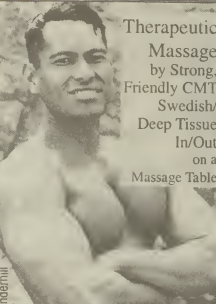


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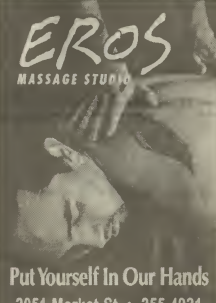
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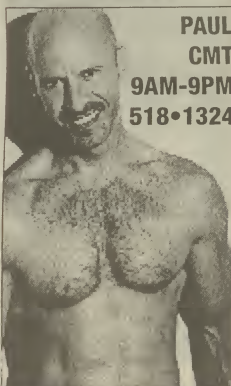
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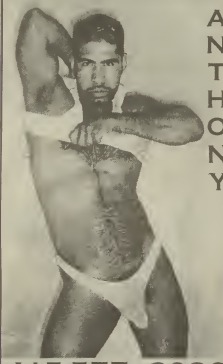
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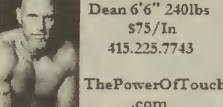
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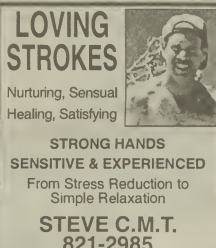
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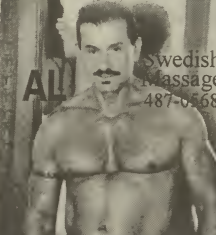
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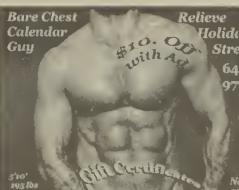
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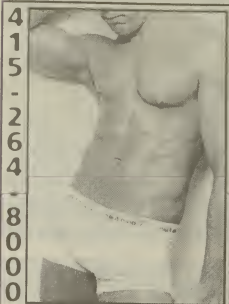
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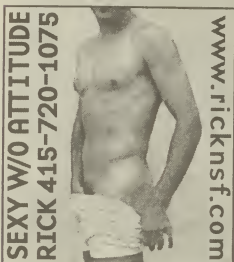
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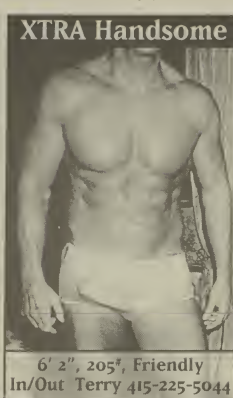
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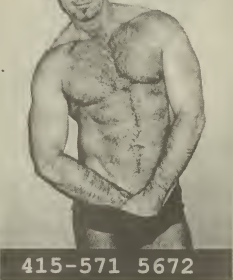
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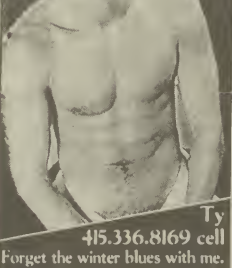


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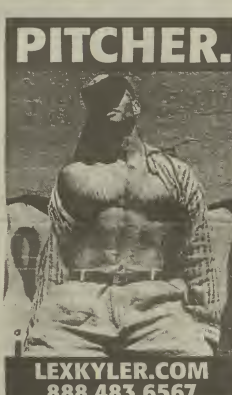
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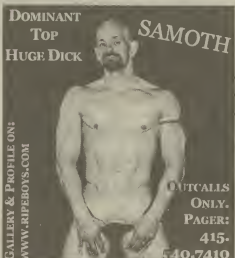
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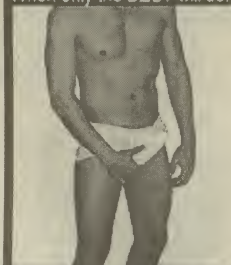
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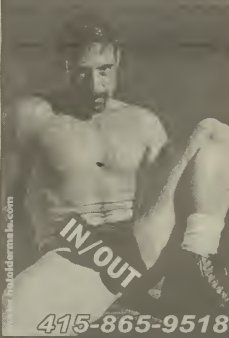
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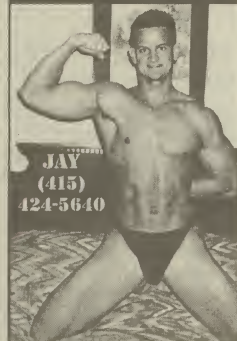
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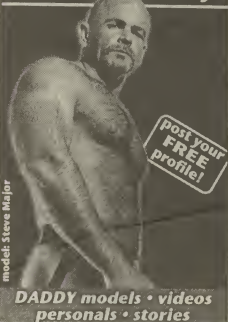
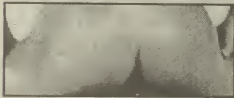
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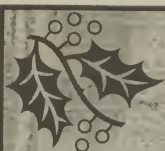
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